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FAIRIES FOR SALE!

By MARK FROMME
Correspondent

WOULD you like a fairy to protect your garden, liven up your next party, or just keep you company like a faithful pet? Retired bar owner John Boxleigh says he has a few for sale.

Hundreds of fluttering, gossamer-winged sprites live at the bottom of the garden behind his suburban home in Phoenix, says Boxleigh.

"I've been catching the fairies in humane traps when they flit into the house by mistake, and releasing them," he says. But after giving 150 of them to a neighbor who wanted some unique mood lighting for her holiday party, he started getting calls from several interested buyers. "I started thinking, why not make a few bucks off this?"

Boxleigh, who inherited the house from his deceased brother, says the fairies are about four inches tall and both male and female.

"But usually I only catch the males. They're more adventurous than the females, and they're not as careful about getting caught," he says.

Boxleigh is seeking legal advice about what to charge per fairy, but he's tentatively set the price at $250 for a male and $1,000 for the more elusive female.

"They're very cheap to take care of," he says. "You just put out stocked with a mixture of sugar and water, which is like flower nectar. Every couple of weeks I put out a dish of good-quality canned cat food, and they're happy to stick around."

"Unfortunately, fairies don't live long in captivity, no more than two or three months. So I advise you to release yours into your garden when you're done, preferably by the light of the full moon."

Animal-rights and humanitarian groups are outraged by Boxleigh's plan.

"Fairies are just little people with wings," says one human-rights advocate. "What Boxleigh is doing amounts to slavery and forced labor — and, considering his admission that his imprisoned fairies don't live long, criminal neglect.

"It's not just captivity that cuts short these poor creatures' lives, but their woefully inadequate diet. Fairies need to eat a wide variety of foods, including nectar, fruit, bugs and certain grasses. They can't be fed only sugar water and cat food — they'd die. We're surprised they last as long as they do under his 'care.'

"We urge Phoenix law enforcement authorities to take immediate custody of these poor creatures, and to file charges of cruelty and abuse against Mr. Boxleigh — the Fairy Godfather of Phoenix."

That odd nickname partly stems from Boxleigh's alleged ties to organized crime, a reputation he does little to discourage.

Outraged human-rights groups protest sale of winged wood nymphs!

one ever proved anything," he says. "Besides, Mob guys are in now, ever since *The Sopranos* hit it big."

And Boxleigh says he has no intention of dropping his plan to farm out the fairies. He says he may even experiment with a breeding program to keep the supply steady.

His neighbor says the fairies were the hit of her holiday party. "They were just delightful," she says. "Everyone wanted to know where I got them. And now that they're in the garden, they've really cut down on the yard pests in my flower beds."

Boxleigh says his elderly mother has taken in several fairies as home companions. "They give her all the companionship of a cat or a

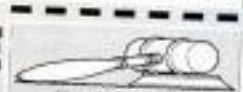
messes all over the place, and they don't shred the furniture or keep your neighbors up at night barking or howling."

Boxleigh stresses that his fairies do not have magical powers.

"They can't grant you any wishes, they won't take your kid's baby teeth and leave money under the pillow, and they're not going to get a rich guy to marry you," he says.

"These are just plain, ordinary wood nymphs."

SHOULD ANYONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELL FAIRIES?



YOU BE THE JUDGE

☐ **YES!** If you can catch a fairy, there's no reason you shouldn't be allowed to sell them.

☐ **NO!** Fairies should be protected at all costs and not exploited.

We want to hear from our readers. Please check Yes or No and mail your vote to FAIRY POLL

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BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

ELVIS IMPERSONATOR SETS RECORD

A GERMAN man performed a record-setting Elvis Presley impersonation, crooning 800 songs in 40 hours on The King's birthday.

Shezad Eikmeier, whose stage name is Shelvis, sang for 40 hours, eight minutes and two seconds on a Hamburg radio station. He broke the previous record of 25 hours and 33 minutes, set in 2001 by a man from London.

Shelvis was allowed a 15-minute break every four hours, according to rules of the *Guinness Book of Records*.

"By the end he hardly had any voice left and was very tired, but he kept on going," says Franke Nevermann, spokeswoman for the Oldie 95 radio station.

HACKERS PULL FAST-FOOD PRANK

COMPUTER geeks hacked their way into the wireless frequency of a fast-food restaurant's drive-thru speaker and started messing with customers' heads.

Police say customers got weird and often profane responses when they placed orders at the restaurant in Troy, Mich. One got a lecture: "You don't need that — you are too fat." Another was told, "We don't have Coke. We don't have anything. Pull ahead."

Restaurant managers changed the frequency of the wireless microphone, hoping to keep out the hackers.

THIEVES TO BE CAGED LIKE DOGS

SHOPLIFTERS in the Dutch city of Utrecht are being penned up like animals — in actual dog cages that hold suspects until police arrive.

And merchants say that just the threat of being publicly humiliated has kept even habitual shoplifters from grabbing merchandise.

Henk de Groot, chairman of an Utrecht retail association, says the cage is "a cheap and very sensible solution" to the shoplifting problem. "Most shops don't have separate rooms for this and the shoplifters sometimes start to fight to escape if you lock them in."

One store owner says he hasn't

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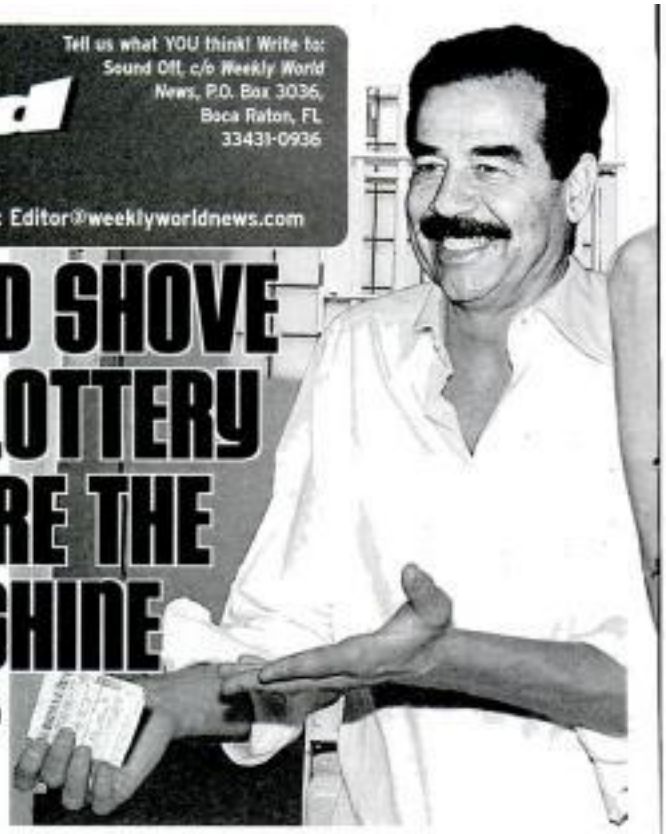
THEY SHOULD SHOVE SADDAM'S LOTTERY TICKET WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE

– even though he might enjoy it!



Dear Editor: It certainly is ironic that Saddam Hussein managed to win even a small prize on an American lottery (Jan. 20, 2004), but I sure as heck hope they don't actually give him the money. The idea of that evil scumbag getting even one red cent from the U.S. of A. makes me want to puke up my guts, especially since he'd probably spend the money on something disgusting like gay porn or camel steaks. — Steven N., Los Angeles, Calif.

Don't worry, Steve. As we reported, it's unlikely Saddam would ever be allowed to redeem his ticket. In fact, our sources in the White House tell us the word has come down officially from President Bush that under no circumstances will such a thing happen.

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story about the man who thinks he is an owl (Jan. 20, 2004). It reminded me of my Uncle Ethan. Years ago, someone whapped Uncle Ethan in the noggin with a rock. After that, he thought he was a canary. In fact, he would perch on the back of the sofa and go "tweet tweet" all day long. At night, much as birds will tuck their heads under their wings to sleep, he'd cover his face with his arm. He also refused to eat human food, and kept strictly to various seeds. The poor man's dead now, but that's another story. — Sarah J., Fondulac, Wisc.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: Your piece on dogs doing various wacky things (Jan. 13, 2004) was simply adorable! My late beloved pooch, Randolph, used to skateboard down the street. Too bad I don't have a picture of that, I'd have sent it to you. — Louise C., Endicott, N.Y.

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Dear Editor: You silly Americans enjoy to mock the French, and this we have learned to accept. But your story about the bomb made from French people's perspiration (Jan. 6, 2004) is what in your country they call the low blow even for you. I will have you to know that we French smell no worse than those of any other nation. In fact, recent surveys are showing the average French person to bathe no less than twice a week, much more than is strictly necessary, no? But of course, you being ignorant American types would not have been aware of this. Put that in your silly American pipe and, how you say, incinerate it. — Yves B., Paris, France

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: In your issue of Jan. 13, 2004, you ran a photo of a cat that appeared to have a little square mustache under its nose, and you asked if the cat could possibly be the reincarnation of Adolf Hitler. What I'd like to know is, how do you know it isn't the reincarnation of Charlie Chaplin! — Edna S., Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Editor: I sympathize with the witch that was evicted from her apartment due to her gassy demon cat (Jan. 13, 2004). My late husband, Ed, was a chili fanatic. Enough said. — Frances D., Boston, Mass.

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Dear Editor: Just wanted to drop a line to tell you that *Weekly World News* is the best publication in the world! I've read every single issue since January of 1983, so that's 20 years of good reading I have to thank you for. Keep up the great work, guys! — Lisa Y., Kennebunkport, Maine

Thanks so much for your kind words, Lisa! We promise to do our best to maintain the level of quality you've come to expect.

Dear Editor: In all my years on this Earth (I'm 87), I don't know if I've ever heard of something as dad-blamed foolish as these knuckleheads that skydive without a parachute (Jan. 13, 2004). Is it just my imagination or are folks getting more and more brainless as time goes by? It makes you fear for the future of the human race, it does. — Harland W., Ft. Worth, Tex.

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Oh the cheek of the man!

President Bush proposes to make J.Lo's Butt Day a National Holiday!

BUTT IN: Jennifer Lopez's luscious shape may inspire a new national holiday.

PRESIDENT George Bush wants to capture the imagination of America's youth by making February 17 a federal holiday that celebrates actress-singer Jennifer Lopez's oversized behind!

And as off-the-wall as the idea might sound, the commander-in-chief has made it clear that he intends to pull out all the stops to make J.Lo's Butt Day as revered as Memorial Day, Martin Luther King Day and even the Fourth of July.

Post offices, schools and all government agencies will be closed, he's told staff, while the nation celebrates with what he hopes will become traditional rump roast dinners, local big butt and karaoke contests, and fireworks displayed to the hot pop rhythms of J.Lo's sultry tunes.

"Something like this is long overdue — America's youth have been left out of the process too long," says a White House source who spoke with reporters for almost 20 minutes before he realized the photograph of J.Lo he kept waving for emphasis was actually a snapshot of Britney Spears.

"The president is very keen on the idea.

"I'd be lying if I said he wasn't looking at the short-term benefits of a J.Lo's Butt Day, too. Obviously, he is. The youth vote could be the deciding factor in a close election.

"And J.Lo, being of Puerto Rican lineage, would bring lots of Hispanics and islanders into the political process, too."

Politicians on both sides of the aisle are applauding the proposal if for no other reason than that they're afraid to upset the White House or appear "out of it" and offend the nation's youth.

One elderly but highly respected Republican senator actually told a reporter that J.Lo's Butt Day "could replace the Fourth of July as America's most patriotic holiday" and quipped, "We'll show the world that it's hip to love hips."

FIRST-CLASS FANNY: Officials are eyeing designs for a postage stamp featuring J.Lo's juicy backside.

Both the President and Postmaster General John Potter have openly discussed the potential for a special commemorative "butt stamp" featuring J.Lo's titanic tush.

Not only that, several noted sculptors have been asked to submit sketches for what's tentatively being called J.Lo's Butt Memorial Bronze.

One design featuring the star's massive buns grasped in the talons of a soaring American eagle is tipped to be the front-runner.

Though universally popular with politicians, the initiative does have its critics — mainly conservative Christians who think the celebration of a celebrity's bottom is unbecoming.

"I have nothing against Jennifer Lopez as a person or even as an entertainer," says one Methodist minister. "She seems perfectly nice.

"But that doesn't mean I want her butt in my face every February."

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CAUTION: DANGEROUS CURVES!

SLOW DOWN and take a few minutes to appreciate this week's beauty, a luscious lass who'll stop you dead in your tracks — you'll want to hug every one of those curves. Meet Jamie, whose classic figure, a perfect 36D-24-36, comes from her regular enjoyment of dance and gymnastics. The blue-eyed blonde also gets pleasure from spending time with family and friends in her hometown of San Jose, Calif., and she loves to travel. If you ever need a traveling companion, Jamie,

YOU MAY BE RICH & NOT KNOW IT . . .

$300 BILLION IN UNCLAIMED ASSETS UP FOR GRABS

A FORTUNE COULD BE YOURS JUST FOR THE ASKING!

IT'S EASY to see if you're one of America's "lost millionaires," with a pile of money just waiting for you to claim it.

By VICKIE YORK/*Correspondent*

DO YOU often fantasize about winning the lottery and becoming a millionaire? Don't waste time dreaming — you may already be vastly wealthy and not even know it!

"Many Americans are entitled to hundreds, thousands or even millions of dollars and don't realize it," reveals financial advisor Connie Maserwitz of Chicago.

"They work like dogs all day, come home to modest surroundings and struggle to pay their bills, totally unaware that out there, somewhere, there's a fortune waiting for them.

"I call these people America's lost millionaires."

Currently, at least $15 billion from abandoned or forgotten bank accounts sits in state treasuries around the nation, turned over for safekeeping. Some of that may well be yours — and hidden wealth may come from a variety of other sources as well.

"You may, unwittingly, be related to a long-deceased business tycoon who set up a huge trust fund to benefit all his descendants," Maserwitz says.

"You could be a consumer who once purchased a faulty product that

"An ancestor of yours may have purchased a parcel of land for pennies many years ago to which you are now legally entitled — and which is now worth a king's ransom.

"There might be an unclaimed account set up in your name by your grandparents that might have originally held only a few hundred dollars yet which is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars today."

Even though you might have a net worth in the millions and not even know it, you'll still die a pauper unless you take action, Maserwitz points out.

"This money won't find you — you've got to go and find it," she says.

Maserwitz says there are a few simple steps the average person can take to find out if they're one of America's lost millionaires:

Check the Web. Information on unclaimed assets is available for free from state treasury offices — which can use your money until it's claimed. Web sites such as www.missingmoney.com offer easy ways to conduct on-line searches.

Consult a genealogist. Especially if you have a last name like Goodyear, Morgan, Ford or Rockefeller

see if any dollars fall out.

Check the classified section of your local newspaper every week. Before dispensing money, executors of large estates are generally obligated to formally alert any possible creditors and heirs.

Read the business section and keep abreast of big-money lawsuits. Make sure you get in on any that are appropriate and don't miss out on your slice of the pie.

Look for old stock certificates in desk drawers and steamer trunks. Stocks in once-newfangled industries like computers that were purchased decades ago for peanuts could now be worth a colossal sum.

Grill grandpa and grandma. Before "old-timer's disease" kicks in, interview your elderly relatives and find out if they ever bought any land as an investment.

"You never know," Maserwitz says. "I have a client who found an old deed to a 20-acre farm in a place named Hollywood by its devout founder — better known as Hollywood today. Needless to say, he's now a very rich man."

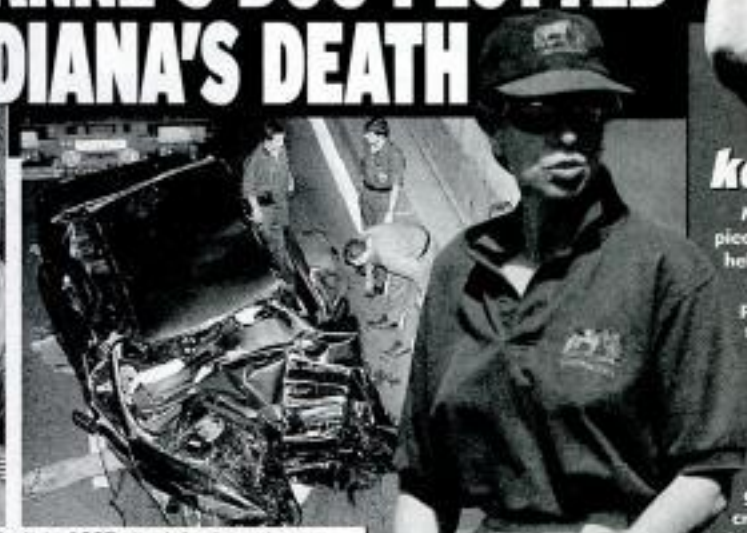
NOTE: Government agencies are holding over $300 billion in unclaimed property and lost money. An asset becomes abandoned in the eyes of the law when the original owner is lost — typically after a name or address change — or when the rightful heir fails to communicate an interest in it over a number of years, known as the dormancy period. Those left holding unclaimed assets — banks, stock brokers, life insurance companies and government agencies themselves — remit them to the protective custody of a government trust account in a legal

For more news to get

By BRETT ANNISTON/*Correspondent*

DOTTY DID IT!

PRINCESS ANNE'S DOG PLOTTED DIANA'S DEATH



PRINCESS Diana, left, was killed in Paris in 1997. At right, investigators examine wreckage of the car she was riding in with boyfriend Dodi Fayed.

INVESTIGATORS conducting the new inquest into the death of Princess Diana are reportedly taking a close look at an unlikely suspect: Princess Anne's killer pooch Dotty!

London researcher Clive Mulgrow contends that the infamously vicious bull terrier — best known for ripping Queen Elizabeth's beloved lap dog limb from limb — is also responsible for the deaths of Diana, boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver. And incredibly, probers are beginning to take his theory seriously.

DID Di's bodyguard, Trevor Rees Jones, know the killer?

"That dog is a homicidal maniac — shockingly vindictive, cunning and resourceful," says Mulgrow. "My theory is that she stowed away with Diana's luggage, somehow made it into the car, and went berserk on that fateful drive, causing the fatal wreck.

"I've seen an amateur videotape taken at the crash scene that was

I'm convinced that was Dotty."

The pet's involvement would explain the royal-family-orchestrated cover-up that has enshrouded the case since Diana's death in 1997, the veteran crime writer maintains.

"If the truth came out, Dotty would have to be put down," he says. "Princess Anne and the royal family, who've been protecting her for years, weren't about to let that happen."

There's no question that Dotty has a less-than-even temperament. In 2002, she attacked two boys in Windsor Great Park, earning her blue-blooded mistress a stiff fine. Over the Christmas holidays, the ultraviolent beast savagely killed the Queen's corgi Pharos. While a less aristocratic canine would have been destroyed, Dotty was merely ordered to see an animal psychologist.

There's also little doubt that there was no love lost between Princess Di and the demon dog.

"Dotty would snarl in a menacing manner every time she saw Diana, and once in 1996, shortly be-

hadn't been there to boot the dog away it would have taken a chunk

she 'ought to have the bloody thing destroyed.'" the eyewitness went

French held back key information

Mulgrow points to several shocking pieces of evidence that have been withheld from the public until now:

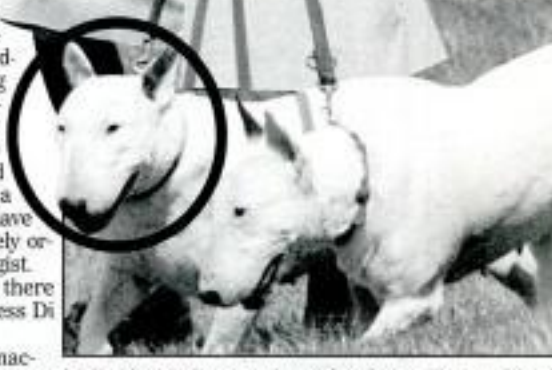
CLUE: Never-released autopsy photos reveal what appear to be bite marks on the face and hands of Princess Di.

CLUE: Dog hairs were found in the backseat of the car, although Diana was not keeping a pet at that time.

CLUE: The first words of bodyguard Trevor Rees Jones, the sole crash survivor, upon regaining consciousness, were "The bitch, the bitch," a hospital employee told French investigators. "Initially it was assumed he was mumbling about his employer Princess Di," says Mulgrow. "But my belief is that he was talking about Dotty."

CLUE: The whereabouts of Dotty on the night Di was killed is a question Princess Anne has consistently refused to answer — although it is widely rumored she herself was in Paris.

"Any single one of these clues taken alone wouldn't prove that Dotty is involved," Mulgrow asserts. "But taken as a whole, it's damning evidence of her guilt."



"HORRID BEAST:" That's what Diana called the demented Dotty, encircled in this photo of Princess Anne walking her and another dog. Nothing's been done about the beastly bull terrier, even after she viciously murdered Queen Elizabeth's pet dog.

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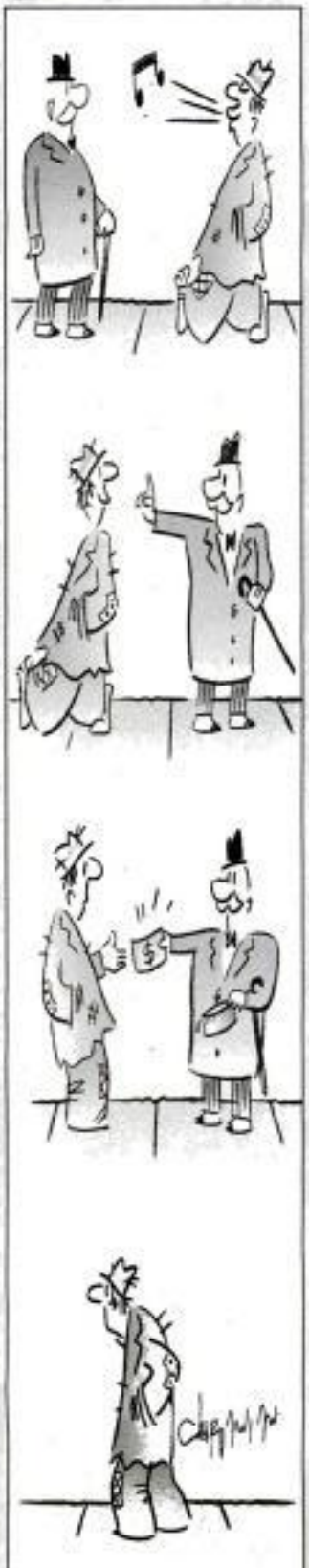


AMERICA'S FATTIES BEING WOOED BY POLITICIANS!

By DONALD HOLT
Correspondent

'60 percent of voters are overweight & that's a huge voting bloc,' says insider

AMERICA'S fatties may be under attack from the medical profession, but they're being wooed by politicians who are competing to come up with ever-more lavish "fat-voter incentives" to attract jelly bellies to their causes.

"About 60 percent of American voters are fat and getting fatter and that's a huge voting bloc that presidential and congressional candidates simply can't afford to ignore," says one Washington insider.

Here, from Washington sources in the know, are just a few of the incentives that Democrats and Republicans are considering for America's overweight majority as election day draws near.

DEMOCRATS

- DONUT vouchers to be issued weekly by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Each voucher will entitle the holder to two dozen free donuts.
- MEAT stamps enabling tubbos to purchase pork chops, sausages, prime rib and other tasty but expensive fatty meats at reduced prices, potentially saving a family of four $50 to $100 per day.
- FREE medical care for obesity related ailments like heart disease, high blood pressure, sour stomach, acid reflux, heartburn, breathing problems, cellulite, clogged colons and chipped teeth.

- TAX breaks on the purchase of all oversized clothes at "tall and big people" shops.

REPUBLICANS

- TAX breaks of up to $5,000 a year for the "morbidly obese," which is defined as anyone who weighs 80 pounds more than the average for his or her height.
- FREE liposuction for voters earning in excess of $1 million per year, a controversial benefit that is designed to drain fat from butts, bellies, legs and hips of upper crust voters who, in the words of one pundit, "are rich and spoiled enough to want their cake and their 'skinny,' too."
- MORE tax breaks for rolypolies who are too flabby to do chores around the house and need hired help to keep things neat and clean and also to cook and fetch snacks.
- SUSPENSION of the "luxury tax" on the gigantic, gas-guzzling "land yachts" and SUVs that Crisco-caboosed voters have to buy because they're too wide-bodied to fit in the regular cars that normal people drive.

"Everyone agrees that large voters both need and deserve incentives, but it's interesting how the Democrats are attempting to appeal to low-income fatties with things like donut vouchers while the Republicans are going after rich fatties, the kind who buy luxury cars and hire maids, cooks and lawn men," says one observer.

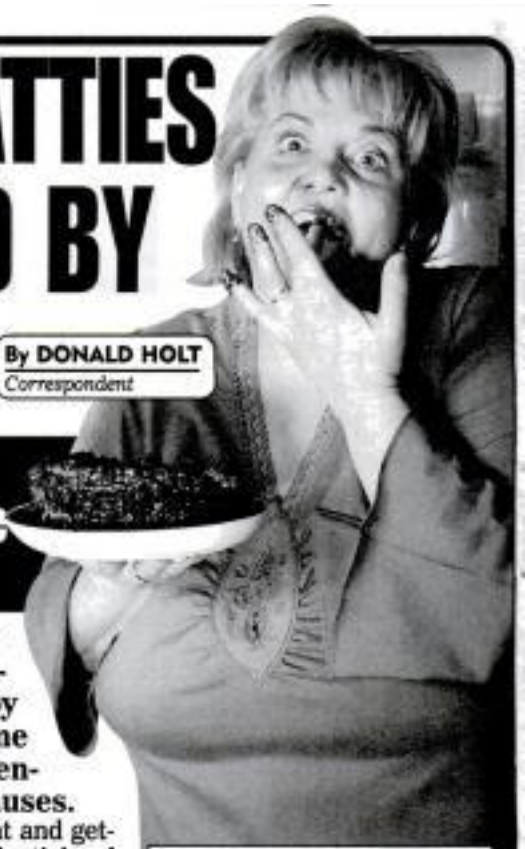
As you might suspect, spokesmen for fat pride groups and other organizations that support the causes of the obese couldn't be happier with their newfound political clout.

"People of color have been getting incentives and considerations for years and it's high time that people of size got theirs," says a spokesman for the national advocacy group, Coalition of the Fat and Proud.

"Well-proportioned and skinny people are going to scream bloody murder over free donuts and tax breaks for the obese," he adds. "But as is the case will all such incentives, there is a 'trickle down' effect that ultimately benefits everybody.

"With more money to buy more food and tax breaks that allow us to buy more — and more expensive — vehicles, for example, we'll be fueling the economy with billions of dollars that wouldn't have been spent otherwise.

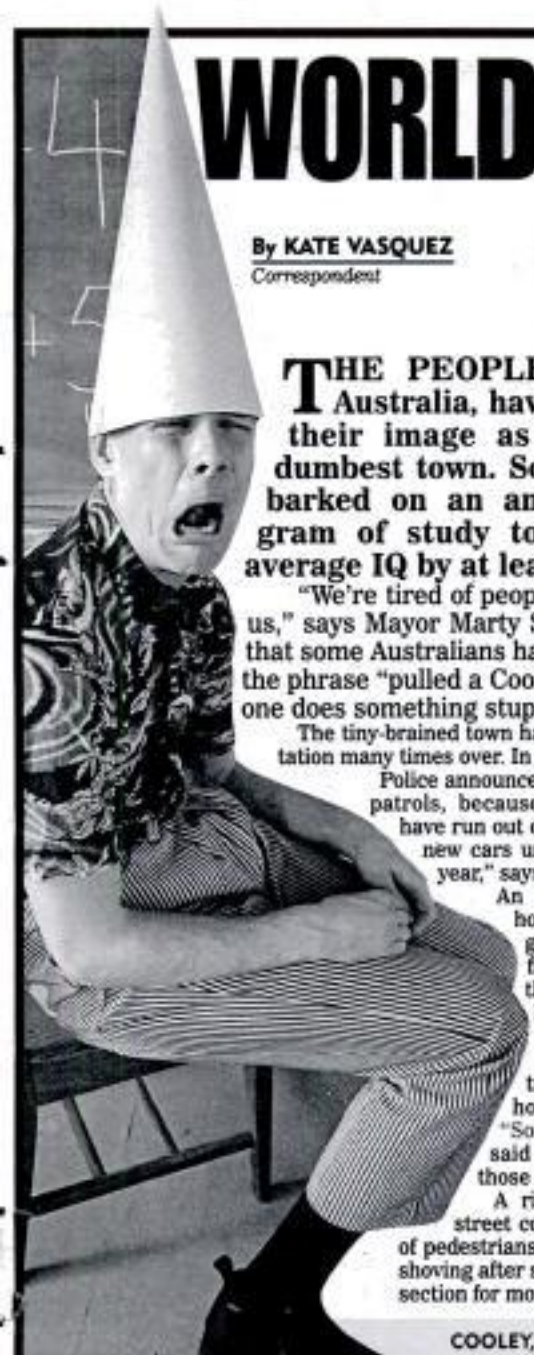
"That means more jobs and more money for everyone — no matter what size pants you put on



ROLY-POLIES who are too flabby to do chores are in line for tax breaks and hired help.

WORLD'S DUMBEST TOWN VOWS TO RAISE IQ

By KATE VASQUEZ
Correspondent



THE PEOPLE of Cooley, Australia, have had it with their image as the world's dumbest town. So they've embarked on an ambitious program of study to raise their average IQ by at least 20 points.

We're tired of people making fun of us, says mayor

"We're tired of people making fun of us," says Mayor Marty Simpkind, noting that some Australians have started using the phrase "pulled a Cooley" when someone does something stupid.

The tiny-brained town has earned that reputation many times over. In just the last year:

Police announced they must stop all patrols, because their squad cars have run out of gas. "We can't buy new cars until the next budget year," says the police chief.

An abandoned warehouse burned to the ground because firefighters didn't hook their hoses to water hydrants. "I always thought the water was already in the truck," says a firehouse commander. "Somebody should've said something about those hydrant things."

A riot broke out on a street corner, when a crowd of pedestrians began pushing and shoving after standing at the intersection for more than an hour. "We were waiting for the stop sign to change, and it never did," says one of the few to escape injury in the melee.

Several businesses in town, including the bank, have collapsed because employees can't make change. "They'd get a $5 bill and give change for $50, or get $100 and give change for $10," says an outside auditor who investigated the bank failures. "And once word got out, the place was easy pickings for counterfeiters."

ONE DIMWIT who bought a Superman cape off the Internet thought it would make him fly — it didn't.

Dozens of dimwits have been hospitalized with bizarre self-inflicted injuries. Cooley residents often drive cars with cardboard sunscreens still covering the windshield, try to iron their clothes while wearing them and jump off buildings dressed as Superman because they think the cape enables them to fly. The Town Council recently outlawed Superman capes, for residents' protection.

Desperate to cure the affliction of idiocy, town officials have hired the New Zealand tutoring firm Edu-Zone to run classes in math, reading and logic for the town's 523 residents.

"Frankly, I'm not sure we'll have much success at raising their IQ," says an Edu-Zone spokeswoman. "There are some intelligence researchers who believe it's possible, but others say IQ is something you are born with and is as unchangeable as eye color.

"But we are eager to try, for the sake of the town. These people are so desperately feebleminded, it's a wonder they're functioning at all."

Cooley's leaders hope to see the town IQ go from a dull-witted 75 to an average-intelligence mark of 95; experts say an IQ of 90 to 110 is average.

"We'd be real happy going from 75 to 95," Simpkind says. "That's two points, right?"

COOLEY, Australia, residents are so dumb that the phrase "pulling a Cooley" means doing something stupid.

DUMBEST THINGS EVER SAID IN A COURTROOM

ACCORDING to the 'Lectric Law Library, the following are actual exchanges between attorneys and witnesses during trials:

● **Have you lived in this town all your life?**

Not yet.

● **All your responses must be oral, O.K.? What school did you go to?**

Oral.

● **Are you qualified to give a urine sample?**

Yes, I have been since early childhood.

● **Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?**

All of them.

● **You say that the stairs went down to the basement?**

Yes.

And these stairs, did they go up also?

● **Do you know how far pregnant you are now?**

I'll be three months on November 8.

Apparently, then, the date of conception was August 8?

elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?

I went to Europe, sir.

And did you take your new wife?

● **How far apart were the vehicles at the time of collision?**

● **Can you describe the individual?**

He was about medium height and had a beard.

Was this a male or female?

● **Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?**

Weekly World News Exclusive

VAMPIRE STAKED THROUGH HEART!

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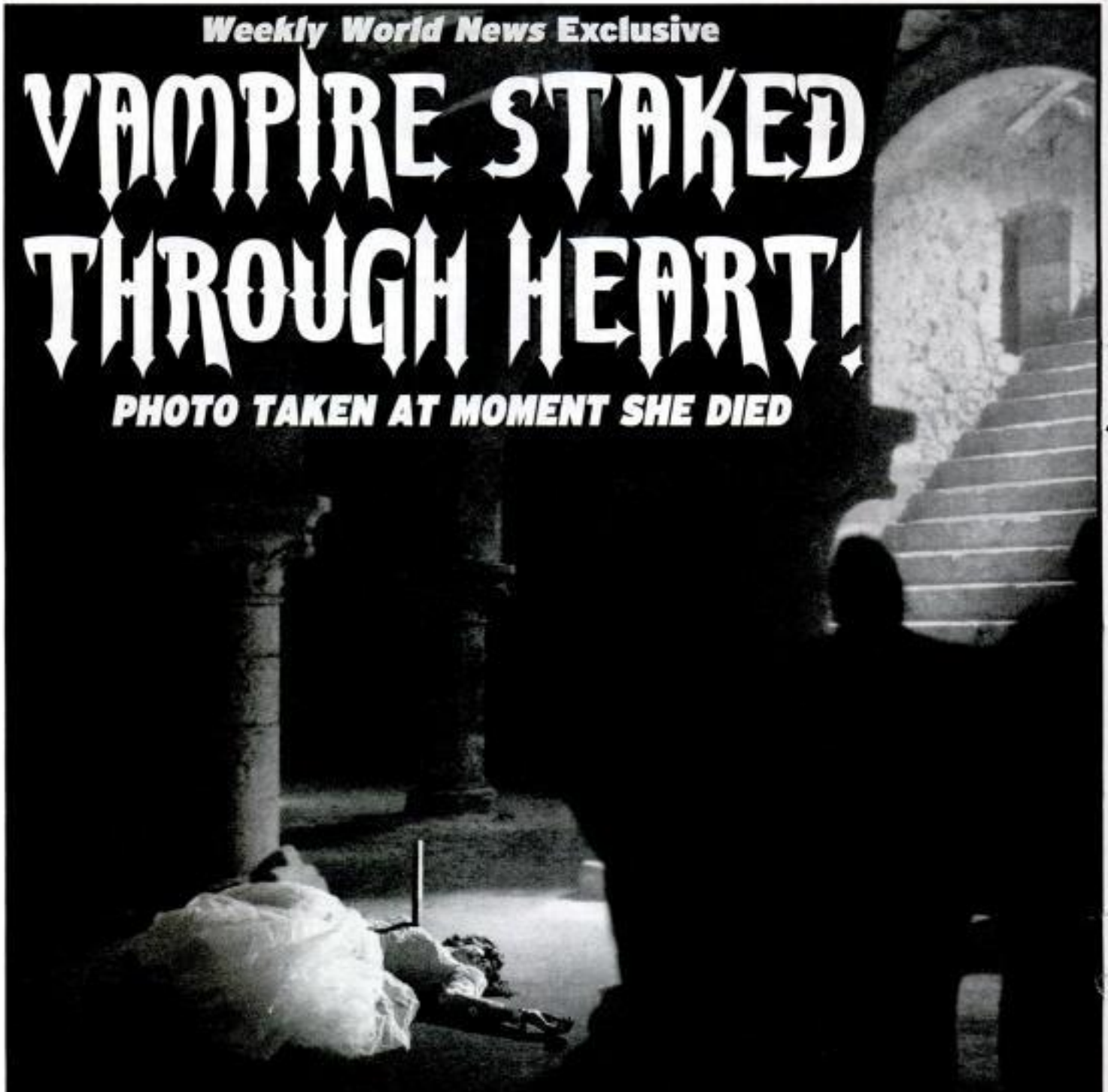

VAMPIRE hunters report a stunning success on their most recent expedition: Not only did they kill one of the creatures at a castle in far-northern Transylvania, but they captured

"We were on this one's trail for weeks," says Dr. Andreas Moldante, leader of the six-person team. "We finally cornered her just before dawn, as she was returning home from one of her feeding orgies in the village be-

vampire at bay until the rays of dawn filtered into the castle and weakened the creature.

"Then it was just a matter of driving the stake through her heart to kill her.

"It was simple, but not easy. This vampire happened to be a

her outward appearance, this was in fact a creature from Hell."

He says villagers have been showering the team with gifts to show their gratitude.

"But the real reward for us is the knowledge that, because of our efforts, there is one less vampire in

ROLLBACK: Gov. Schwarzenegger kept his promise to repeal the state's car-tax increase — which plunged the state $4 billion deeper in the red.

Gov. Schwarzenegger's brilliant plan:

SELL CALIFORNIA TO AUSTRIA

By MARLON THOMAS
Correspondent

– They're a lot smarter than Americans! They know how a country should be run!

SNOW JOB: Austrians manage their cold, snowy world with efficiency and discipline, experts say, and may soon get a chunk of sunny California.

CALIFORNIA Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger believes he can get the Golden State out of debt and on the road to unprecedented prosperity by selling it to Austria, his homeland.

"It's not as crazy as it might sound," says a financier with close ties to the iron-pumping action star-turned-politician. "You can't actually sell a sovereign state to a foreign country, but there's no law against selling a majority interest in that state's financial and business affairs to anyone you choose.

"Austrians love their native son and they love the idea that he crossed the Atlantic as little more than a pumped-up muscleman and then went on to become one of the most powerful men on the planet.

"California may be bankrupt and getting deeper in debt by the day, but its economy is the fourth largest in the world — bigger than Austria's, as a matter of fact. All Gov. Schwarzenegger needs to get it out of debt is a few hundred billion in investment capital and a little fiscal responsibility.

"Who better to provide that than Austrians, who are not only wealthy, they're disciplined — and much smarter than Americans. They know how to run a country right.

"And besides, the governor is one of them. He's in a position to make

Schwarzenegger will neither confirm nor deny that he's planning to sell controlling interest in California to Austrian investors, but he has dropped a few hints.

Just days ago he told a reporter, "If Californians were as disciplined as Austrians, we'd not only be on the road to prosperity, we'd be building a toll booth on it — that is my vision for the future."

And he was heard quipping to aides over a working lunch in his office: "I've been talking to my friends back in Austria and they have many ideas for making California great again."

When staunch Republican Schwarzenegger decided to run for governor of California in a history-making election to recall Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, he vowed to reel in government spending without raising taxes.

Although he did deliver on repealing the state's huge car-tax increase — plunging the state $4 billion deeper in the red — he has reneged on many other promises, while insisting that old-fashioned "tax and spend" solutions to the financial crisis are temporary.

"And now we know why he's been speaking so confidently," says a source in the state legislature. "The whole time he's been talking to Austrian investors about buying the place."

Just how the plan might work remains unclear, but the financial expert says that if Schwarzenegger wants to sell controlling interest in California there's no way to stop him.

rity, there's no law against investing.

In fact, he says investment capital from Austria is already pouring in.

"You aren't going to see Austrian soldiers and policemen milling in the streets, but you will find more and more Austrian CEOs, managers and supervisors in businesses that have dealings with the state or are run by the state," explains the expert.

"Government offices, utilities, companies that provide contract labor and companies that bid on government jobs — this is where you'll see the Austrians will take control."

will affect ordinary citizens, but a social sciences professor at the University of California at Berkeley says the impact "could be substantial."

"California is known to be liberal and laid back, which are concepts very few Austrians understand," says the expert.

"What you'll start seeing is more rigidity and conservatism, first in the workplace and then all areas of life. How smoothly this transition might go, only time will tell.

"In the beginning, at least, I would expect to see some clashes when joy-

MEXICO HAS THE BOMB

– & will stop making them in return for American jobs and Social Security benefits!

By RODNEY MEANS/Correspondent

PRESIDENT Bush's decision to make it easier for Mexicans to work in the United States had nothing to do with him thinking our south of the border friends are swell or need another handout.

He's trying to appease them because right under our noses, Mexico built an H-bomb — and threatened to use it.

"While we were running around Iraq looking for weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist, Mexico undertook their version of the Manhattan Project and built a nuclear warhead powerful enough to vaporize a large American city," says a CIA source in Washington.

"The president had some options for dealing with the problem, but he didn't have many. He could have threatened Mexico with nuclear retaliation, but when push comes to shove, there's no way he's going to launch nukes right in our own back yard.

"He could have threatened Mexico with economic sanctions, but what good would that do? Mexico is already dirt poor. The best course of action seemed to be appeasement, and that's precisely the course he took.

"Just days after he learned about Mexico's nuclear capabilities, he met with Mexican President Vicente Fox — and behind closed doors, Fox agreed to dismantle the bomb and cease all weapons-making programs, including what is believed to have been the large-scale manufacture of anthrax.

"In return, Mr. Bush handed over millions of American jobs and agreed to give Social Security and retirement benefits to Mexicans who work for a year or two in the U.S. and then go home to Mexico — which is all Fox wanted in the first place."

MEXICAN President Vicente Fox, left, met with President Bush soon

The White House angrily denies allegations that Bush "cut a deal" with Mexico over a bomb or anything else.

"The president has long understood the vital necessity of forging good relations with our Latin American neighbors," says one staff member. "If you'll recall, just days after his election, he proved it by meeting with President Fox in the Oval Office."

The post-election meeting with Fox did, in fact, take place — but political observers are quick to point out that the get-together was little more than "a run-of-the-mill photo opportunity" with little or no substance.

And it wasn't long before relations between the two countries cooled completely. When Bush asked Fox to support America's invasion of Iraq as part of a "coalition of the willing," Fox refused on the grounds that Bush hadn't kept his promise to give Mexico more economic aid than ever.

"The president was perfectly content to let Fox stew in his own juice because, let's face it — Mexico needs us a hell of a lot more than we need them," says a Washington source with ties to the Bush administration.

"All that changed when the CIA caught wind of the Mexican bomb. At first, Bush thought it was a big joke and cracked, 'How do you detonate a Mexican warhead, anyway? Hang it from a tree at a birthday party and hit it with sticks — like a pinata?'

on his staff when he kept referring to it as a 'sombrero bomb.' "

Bush changed his tune, says the source, when CIA Director George Tenet showed him satellite photos of a particle accelerator and bomb-manufacturing facility disguised as an automotive parts plant just east of Mexico City.

"Tenet also gave him strong intelligence reports indicating the bomb was powerful enough to vaporize a major city — Los Angeles and Dallas being considered prime targets," the source explains.

Once Bush was convinced the threat was real, he took "bold and decisive steps," continues the insider.

"He called off the search for WMDs in Iraq because he knew the story on Mexico's bomb was about to break and he didn't want the public thinking that he was looking for nukes on the 'wrong' side of the world, even though, as we all know now, he was.

"Then he announced his immigration plan which, when passed by Congress, will result in President Fox shutting down Mexico's nuclear program once and for all.

"As so often happens with Bush, he comes out of all this smelling like a rose. Polls are showing his popularity among Hispanic voters to be at an all-time high.

"Let's just hope Congress goes along with his immigration plan and gets this show on the road. Otherwise we're back to square

TV SHOOTERS

BUSINESS is booming at a firing range in Seattle — where folks can blow the hell out of TV sets with rented shotguns!

"People who think TV is too stupid, too sexy or too violent are lapping it up," says the manager of the Fire Rock Shooting Range, who got the idea after reading a book that told how rock great Elvis Presley enjoyed shooting TVs in the 1960s.

"The guns rent for $20 and the black-and-white TVs we use are $25 each.

"Most people spend $50 to $100 letting off steam. And the funny thing is, some of them come back week after week."

Snip!

A HOSPITAL anticipates a massive lawsuit after a 36-year-old man was admitted for a minor hernia problem — and wound up getting sex-change surgery by mistake.

The unidentified man was mistaken for a transsexual patient after charts belonging to the two patients were inadvertently switched.

The goof wasn't caught until the dad had already been turned into a woman and the hernia operation on the transsexual was under way.

TWO-HEADED BABY BORN

A 43-YEAR-OLD woman who gave birth to a two-headed baby in Kabul, Afghanistan, on January 2 swears up and down the father is Osama Bin Laden.

But doctors say there's no way to confirm the claim unless the fugitive terror kingpin comes out of hiding and agrees to submit to a paternity test.

"He's the spitting image of Osama," admits one obstetrician. "Fifty years ago that would have been proof enough of the infant's

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SICKOS FEED BLIND MAN WORMS!

TWO CALLOUS brothers fed a blind man worms covered in marinara sauce — to settle a bet that he wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the grotesque meal and a plate of spaghetti!

The sick prank might have remained a secret, but Albert Haverse, 17, and brother Colin, 18, unashamedly wrote about it for a high school science project.

"We weren't being, like, mean or nothin'," says Albert, a senior.

"It was kind of an experiment."

The brothers had spent several hours arguing over their blind neighbor, Irwin Klugh, Albert insisting that Klugh could be fooled and Colin maintaining it was unlikely.

"Finally, we decided to put some money on it to make it interesting, and we invited Irwin over for dinner that night. Our parents were out of town for the weekend," says Albert.

After receiving the ill-advised paper, teacher Bart Houch called the police.

"The cops said that what the Haverse boys did was sick, but since they hadn't really broken any laws, they had to leave it at that."

And the results of the "experiment"?

Says Albert: "Irwin ate the whole thing, so Colin owes me a hundred bucks. In your face, Colin!"

BLIND MAN SHOOTS WIFE

AN 81-YEAR-OLD blind man who heard a bump in the night pawed around and found the .45-caliber revolver he kept under his bed for protection — and blew his wife away.

Donald Keerstrom won't be charged in the death of Mary Keerstrom, 79, because the shooting "obviously was accidental," say cops in Cape Town, South Africa.

"It was ill advised for a blind man to go gunning for an 'intruder' he couldn't see," says homicide investigator Ralph Wooley. "It's pretty

WE NEED GIANT SPACE

A RESPECTED Russian scientist has proposed the construction of a massive umbrella in space between Earth and the moon — to cure the world's werewolves forever!

"By blocking dangerous lunar rays from reaching Earth, we can put an end to the scourge of lycanthropy, which has plagued mankind for thousands of years, and save countless lives," declares astrophysicist Dr. Ivan Na-

The shield, composed of hundreds of enormous mirrors and weighing more than 30 tons, would be placed in orbit around Earth.

Its movements would be timed so that whenever a full moon occurred, light from the celestial body would be deflected away from our planet and into deep space, according to detailed plans submitted to the European Space Agency.

RUSSIAN scientist Dr. Ivan Najinsky thinks his space umbrella idea is just crazy enough to work!

The beauty of the Najinsky Lunar Shield, says its inventor, is that while blocking moonlight, it does not interfere with gravity.

"The shield will have no effect whatsoever on Earth's

the proposal is getting mixed reviews at best from the scientific establishment.

"First of all, there are no such things as 'lunar rays' — moonlight is simply sunlight bouncing off the moon," says a skeptical NASA scientist. "That's not even addressing the issue of whether werewolves exist."

The estimated cost of the project — close to $50 billion — at a time when governments worldwide are striving to trim their budgets also makes it impractical, he argues.

But not all of Dr. Najinsky's peers dismiss the idea out of hand.

tion that has been diagnosed by physicians dating back to ancient Greece," points out British astronomer Maxwell Brent.

"While there may be some dispute about whether or not people physically transform into wolves, there's no doubt that many poor unfortunates suffer the delusion that they've become beasts and attack others — and that the full moon is the trigger.

"Every year, thousands of innocent people worldwide are killed or injured as a result of such lunar-related criminal insanity. If we can prevent that from happening, wouldn't it be worth paying virtually any price?"

If governments of the world do agree to go for-

UMBRELLA TO BLOCK MOONLIGHT FROM WEREWOLVES - SAYS TOP SCIENTIST!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

completed as soon as 2013, it won't mean we'll have to say goodbye to the moon forever.

Earth's natural satellite will still be visible during its other seven phases — the new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, waning gibbous, last quarter and waning crescent.

Only once a month during the deadly full moon — when the moon is completely illuminated by direct sunlight and the body's bright side is facing Earth — will the shield serve to blot it out.

"We'll still be able to rhymes to them about the cow jumping over it," says Dr. Najinsky. "But now we can enjoy the moon's beauty without its dangers."

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GUARDIANS OF THE GATES OF HELL...

DUCKS OF THE DAMNED

By MARCIA PHILIPS
Correspondent

THE GATES of Hell are guarded by ferocious demonic ducks that measure 50 feet from bill to tail, say people who died and got a nightmarish preview of the afterlife before doctors were able to revive them.

That's the word from psychiatrists at the University of California at Berkeley, where 200 men, women and children who had a near-death experience between 1999 and 2003 all claimed to have seen the gigantic feathered fiends that also are known as the "ducks of the damned."

"They're savage, pure evil — and stopped for six minutes after an auto accident in Dallas.

"They nibble and peck at the souls of the damned and red and yellow flames drip off their beaks like napalm off a child's swing.

"Their quacking is something I'll never forget. It sounds like the crackling of thunder.

"You better believe I'm changing my life over this. I'm in church every Sunday and I've given my life to Christ.

"There's no way I'm going back down there after what I experienced."

Descriptions of Hell's demonic ducks are nothing new — famed holy man Thomas Aquinas talked about them in his uncompleted *Summa Theologica*, the basis of all Catholic theological teaching that he wrote in the 13th century.

"There is no greater demon than the hellish duck," he wrote, "created was how many people who had near-death experiences traveled to Hell instead of going up to Heaven and the Pearly Gates.

They also were shocked by the backgrounds of the eyewitnesses who saw the ducks: 29 of the 200 were preteen children who hadn't had a lot of time to commit the kinds of "big sins" that you'd think God would want to see before He crossed their names from the Book of Life and turned their souls over to Satan.

"The children were terrified, even more so than adults, and for good reason," says one researcher. "Some of these kids were just 7 and 8 years old. The only ducks they'd seen before were the cute little things in city parks and story books."

Descriptions of the fearsome fowl varied a little depending on the eyewitness's age and education, but it's clear they all were talking about the bills and eyes that glowed like coals.

"I saw two of them standing on either side of a black, flame-blackened gate," says a 32-year-old nurse whose heart stopped for three minutes after she accidentally hit herself with a defibrillator that she was trying to hand off to a doctor.

"I was being pulled toward the gate by an unseen force — I was powerless to fight it.

"As it drew me closer, the ducks waddled out to greet me, or so I thought. But they didn't greet me. They pecked at me and burned me with their bills.

"I screamed in pain, and when I did, it seemed like all the souls in Hell screamed at the same time, drowning me out.

"The next thing I know the ducks had me in their bills and they were pulling at me like I was the rope in a tug-of-war contest. And then, thank

Even Washington & Lincoln weren't perfect, so . . .

My America

BY ED ANGER

HONEST GEORGE Bush is every bit as squeaky-clean as Honest Abe Lincoln — if not cleaner, Ed says.

HURRAY FOR HONEST GEORGE

No investigations in three years . . . he's running the cleanest White House ever!

I'M MADDER than Tricky Dick Nixon with a short-circuiting wiretap at all these Democrat skunks who are calling President Bush a liar because we haven't found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill has come out saying the White House planned to overthrow Saddam all along anyway!

Folks, our commander-in-chief is the most honest president this country's ever had. Why, we ought to start calling him Honest George, by jiminy.

Three years into office, the Justice Department hasn't had to appoint a single special counsel to investigate any political scandals at the White House. Compare that to Honest George's sleazy predecessor Slick Willie Clinton. Just about every mem-

probe; the charges that Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy accepted illegal gifts; the obstruction of justice probe of Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros; the investigation into Commerce Secretary Ron Brown; the influence-peddling allegations against Labor Secretary Alexis Herman; the probe of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and that shady Indian gambling casino, to name a few.

Now, the Democrats like to harp on the fact that when the smoke cleared, everyone was exonerated of everything. But as my pappy used to say, "Where there's smoke there's fire."

And they're forgetting that the Big Creep himself, Bill Clinton, was caught lying about having sex with Monica Lewinsky. Plus, fellow skirt-chaser Cisneros ended up admitting he lied about exactly how much hush money he'd shelled out to his girlfriend and had to pay a big fine.

whine about how Enron big wigs met with Dick Cheney and supposedly cooked up the nation's energy policy.

They make a big deal about how Halliburton, the company Cheney used to run, got billions of dollars in government contracts without bidding for them. And of course their biggest "scandal" is how some White House aide fingered the wife of ex-ambassador Joseph Wilson as a CIA spy after he criticized Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Heck, I say no one married to a traitor who badmouths President Bush can be trusted to be in the CIA. And how come a woman is doing dangerous spy work in the first place? She ought to be home boning up on weird foreign customs and learning how to say "What a lovely country you have" in different lan-

Honest George is running the most ethical White House in history — and Slick Willie had the most corrupt.

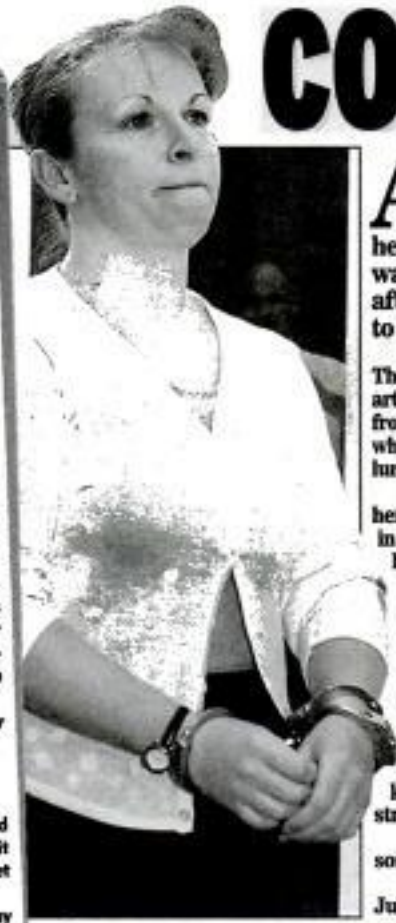
Liberals claim that dishonor belongs to Richard "Tricky Dick" Nixon, on account of Watergate. But you never caught Nixon playing "hide the president's staff" with some chunky intern.

So, unless that 18-minute gap in the Watergate tapes turns up and we hear Tricky Dick getting busy with his secretary Rose Mary Woods, Clinton will always be America's sleaziest president in my book.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

BLACK WIDOW KILLER CONVICTED!



A NOTORIOUS "black widow" was sentenced to life in prison for murdering her second husband. And she was accused of that crime just after beating a charge of trying to kill her third husband!

'This woman is every man's nightmare,' say cops

Lawmen say husband-hating Dena Thompson, 43, also was a heartless con artist who stole more than $870,000 from several lonely men — one of whom was dying of cancer — whom she lured with newspaper personal ads.

And her first husband didn't escape her plotting. In 1991 she got 18 months in prison for a fraud conviction, and had tried to implicate her husband in the scheme.

"Quite frankly, this woman is every man's nightmare — the most dangerous woman I have ever met," says Martyn Underhill, detective chief inspector of the London police. "For a decade, she has targeted men sexually, financially and physically.

"Men can sleep safe tonight, knowing she has been taken off the streets."

But it wasn't easy putting Thompson away.

She left her first husband to marry Julian Webb, who died in his sleep in 1994. Authorities originally thought he had food poisoning from eating hot curry at a Thai restaurant. The new widow also hinted that Webb had killed himself, claiming he'd been despondent about not being able to get a U.S. work visa so they could move to Florida.

Then, in August 2000, Thompson went on trial for trying to kill Husband No. 3, Richard Thompson, with a baseball bat and a carving knife.

She was acquitted, but police got suspicious. They dug up Webb's body and found a high level of lethal drugs in his system. They believed Dena Thompson had put the drugs in some curry, which was spicy enough to hide the bitter taste of the drugs.

She was convicted of Webb's murder and has begun her life sentence in prison.

"I hope she rots in jail," Richard Thompson says of his ex-wife.

CRIME BLOTTER

KIDNAPPERS DEMAND AUTOGRAPHS

A former beauty queen was grabbed by kidnappers, but they let her go after she signed a stack of calendars featuring nude pictures of her.

Lawmen in Valencia, Venezuela, say Veruska Ramirez, who was Miss Venezuela in the 1997 Miss Universe pageant, was mugged and taken captive on the street. The men figured out who she was after seeing a box of her nude calendars in her car. They let her go after she agreed to sign the calendar photos, and ran off with the racy ransom.

Ramirez, who was held for about three hours, was unharmed.

BOMB SCARE WAS JUST JEALOUS HUBBY

A woman thought someone had rigged a bomb in her car trunk, but it turned out to be a tracking device set up by her jealous husband.

Police in Klagenfurt, Austria, say the 40-year-old woman reported finding suspicious cables in the trunk. They brought in a bomb-defusing robot that destroyed the device, and then found it was just a geographical tracking system. The husband, who's in divorce proceedings with his wife, admitted buying the gadget.

RAP SHEET

TRICK DADDY
Maurice Young

PLEA DEAL IS JUST THE TRICK FOR TRICK DADDY

SOUTH FLORIDA kids will get to see rap star Trick Daddy live and in person, but he won't be entertaining. He'll be lecturing them about the dangers of drugs and guns, after getting in trouble over drugs and guns.

The rapper, whose real name is Maurice Young, was arrested twice last year in the Miami area on drug and weapons charges, including aggravated assault with a firearm, felony possession of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A spokesman for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office says Young pleaded guilty, in a plea deal that keeps him out of prison. In exchange, he'll make 24 free appearances at high schools in troubled Miami neighborhoods.

include *Thug Life*, will try to steer the kids away from the violent troubles he's found on the street. They landed him in state prison for 30 months, after a 1991 conviction on cocaine and

DOPE OF THE WEEK

MAN WAS DRUNK AT DRIVING TEST

A NORWEGIAN man flunked his driving test on a pretty basic section: He was drunk when he showed up for the exam!

The 50-year-old was trying to get a truck-driving license. His examiner says she thought she smelled alcohol when he got behind the wheel, but let

called police.

They showed up as he was finishing the test. An officer says the driver was given a breath test for alcohol, and "the light went red as soon as he blew."

Cops charged the man with drunk driving, and made him take the bus home from the testing center. Not only did he not get his trucker's license, he may

BIGFOOT'S LOVED ONES TO SLAP POLICE WITH WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT

Grieving family spokeswoman Jane Hairy Back says relatives are risking exposure to stop the senseless slaughter!

THE BITTER controversy surrounding the Montana Bigfoot shooting flared to new intensity when the family of the Sasquatch slain by highway patrolmen announced plans to clobber the state with a $50 million wrongful death lawsuit!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

"The police acted with reckless disregard for life when they resorted to lethal force," blasts environmental activist and attorney Carrie Millwater of Butte, who represents the family.

"This gentle giant, a devoted father with a mate and three cubs at home and no record of past violence, was shot in the chest 36 times by members of the Highway Patrol who at no time in the encounter identified themselves as police officers," she says.

"Their hasty reaction was either due to panic or malice."

The fatal shooting on the outskirts of Beaverhead Rock State Park, reported in the December 30 issue of *Weekly World News*, was initially described in heroic terms by the two cops, who said they brought down the 7-foot-tall, "foaming-at-the mouth" Bigfoot in a hail of gunfire after it chased a pair of terrified hikers through the woods.

The officers' version of events was confirmed by shaken park visitors Steve and Robyn Rampling — and bolstered by a prominent Bigfoot researcher who suggested the lumbering manbeast was probably bent on raping Robyn.

Although the Montana Highway Patrol has refused to officially confirm the shooting even took place, a union leader angrily denounced the lawsuit.

"These officers acted well within department guidelines," he declares. "We ought to be pinning medals on their chests, not talking about lawsuits."

However, details that have emerged in a subsequent investigation tracks on the path on which the tourists from New Zealand had been walking — just 20 yards from the spot where the Bigfoot sprang out of the bushes, flailing his massive arms.

"There's a strong possibility the Bigfoot was trying to steer the Ramplings away from danger," admits British cryptozoologist Sir Clive Baxley, who initially espoused the sex-attack theory. "He may have been the real hero here."

Little is known of the background of the dead Bigfoot, other than that his name was Urgo and he lived in a remote section of Beaverhead. Urgo's extended family reportedly includes a number of one-quarter and with humans dating back a century or more.

Clannish and reclusive, Urgo's semi-human kinfolk have in the past been reluctant to discuss their odd heritage, living quietly in the rural counties near the park.

Family spokeswoman Jane Hairy Back, a Native American who claims to be third cousin to the slain Bigfoot, says relatives are stepping into the limelight reluctantly.

"We're not interested in the money — we want justice for Urgo," the hirsute 34-year-old declares. "This tragedy didn't have to happen."

The State Attorney General's Office declined to comment on the liti- office is confident the plaintiffs don't have a legal leg to stand on.

"There's every indication the officers acted in good faith when they shot the Bigfoot," he points out. "More fundamentally, a Bigfoot is an animal — which means bringing a wrongful death suit is impossible under Montana law."

But court-watchers say it's not certain a judge will toss the case out of court.

"If Sasquatches really have mated with humans in the past and produced fertile offspring, these primates are much more closely related to Homo sapiens than previously believed," says one legal eagle. "That

BIGFOOT was killed by Montana state police, who say he was attacking a pair of hikers. But he may have been trying to warn the hikers away from danger, according to new revelations in the case.

NEWS 'TOONS

"OOPS . . ."

"Being a husband means always having to say you're sorry."

"Did you know that art sells for a lot more after the artist dies?"

By MICHAEL CHIRON/ *Correspondent*

Don't leave Earth without them . . . NASA

NASA has quietly begun distributing free condoms to astronauts — because sexual encounters with aliens are at an all-time high!

That's the astonishing claim of a leading rocket scientist with close ties to the space agency.

"It's an embarrassing problem, but NASA is tackling it head on," says Dr. John Mickelvoy of Pasadena, Calif. "NASA officials know that if astronauts contract a sexually transmitted disease that originates in space and is totally alien to our immune systems, and bring it back to Earth, the consequences could be catastrophic.

"We're talking about a plague that could sweep the world and wipe out the human race in a matter of months."

Tight-lipped NASA spokesmen refuse to confirm or deny the condom report, calling it "not worthy of discussion."

But sources within the agency confirm that each astronaut will receive a box of prophylactics and a tutorial on how to properly use them prior to any future space missions.

"Officials at both NASA and the European Space Agency are very worried about the unknown risks that sexual encounters with aliens may pose to humans," says a NASA insider. "For now, the only precaution we can think of is to hand out good old-fashioned condoms and pray they work with extraterrestrials."

NASA's move was prompted, insiders say, by widespread reports of a vodka-fueled orgy between Russian cosmonauts and a trio of curvaceous "space babes" aboard the International Space Station. Since then, several U.S. astronauts have revealed that over the past two years they, too, enjoyed sizzling sexcapades while serving their country in space.

"The stories that have come back are truly amazing," says the NASA insider. "Guys say these alien females are extremely uninhibited — they'll try anything with anyone. Add to that zero-gravity conditions in which otherwise impossible bedroom acrobatics are a piece of cake and increasingly long space missions during which guys are away from their fami-

COSMONAUT has difficult time learning how to use a condom in zero gravity.

GUTLESS FRENCH

By MIKE FOSTER/ *Correspondent*

President Chirac vows not to fire a single shot when invasion

IN A SHAMELESS display of cowardice, gutless French President Jacques Chirac has quietly radioed a message into space announcing that his country has "unconditionally surrendered" to space aliens!

The move took France's allies totally by surprise — especially since the extraterrestrials have not yet given any indication that their intentions are hostile.

"It would be irresponsible to wait until the threat is imminent to take action," Chirac explained in the 22-minute speech, broadcast at 3:45 p.m. Paris time on January 12.

"We are acting now to ensure that our cities and our culture are preserved."

France was prompted by the stun-

HANDING OUT CONDOMS TO ASTRONAUTS

. . . so they can practice safe sex with aliens!

DISPOSAL STILL A PROBLEM: Alien women are "incredibly uninhibited — they'll try anything with anyone," says a NASA insider. Scientists now are tackling the tough problem of condom elimination, left.

lies and it's no surprise this kind of experimentation is going on."

Even straitlaced Chinese space hero Yang Liwei had a "close encounter" with a hot-to-trot female alien during his 21-hour mission, insiders reveal.

Family-values advocates within the conservative Bush administration have expressed discomfort about the condom-distribution program.

"What are we saying here? That America's astronauts — the best and brightest this country has to offer — can't keep their hands off a bunch of creatures who aren't even human?" an administration insider dissatisfied with the program told *Weekly World News*. "We should be teaching abstinence to our astronauts, not sending them up to space with a fistful of condoms and telling them, 'Here, knock yourself out.' "

Dr. Mickelvoy calls such criticism unfair, noting that NASA is indeed instructing astronauts to avoid "fraternizing" with aliens. But that may not be enough, he adds.

"We don't know what kind of enormous telepathic powers the aliens may have," the scientist points out. "It could be that when these alien females are ready to 'get busy,' a human male, however strong his will may be, is simply unable to resist."

RADIO THEIR SURRENDER TO E.T.s

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World News. The vessels, believed to number as many as 300, are now hovering at the edge of our solar system, astronomers say.

While the governments of the world have been keeping the discovery a secret to avoid global panic, insiders say scientists are evenly divided between those who fear the vast armada is here to conquer our planet and those who believe the aliens are coming to usher in a new age of peace and prosperity.

The French are taking no chances.

"Our country is yours to rule," Chirac told the aliens in the speech, secretly transmitted via radio telescope. "The people of France, its army and its police force are totally at your disposal."

Beyond agreeing not to "fire a single shot" at any alien invaders, Chirac laid out a series of promises amounting to total submission, made available to serve as concubines for extraterrestrial overlords.

- France's national anthem and flag will be altered to reflect alien domination.
- French restaurants will be ordered to "prepare your cuisine to make you feel at home."
- France will do "everything in its power" to round up leaders of any human resistance movement.

Chirac's shockingly craven response to the alien threat is in marked contrast to that of U.S. President George Bush, who on Christmas Eve reportedly ordered secret simultaneous air strikes on all 52 known alien bases on Earth, reducing them to rubble.

While some European leaders have since accused President Bush of "shooting from the hip," others are now angrily blasting France for ignoring its obligations.

ing back to their notorious surrender to Nazi Germany — but even so, this is sickening," says an aide to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

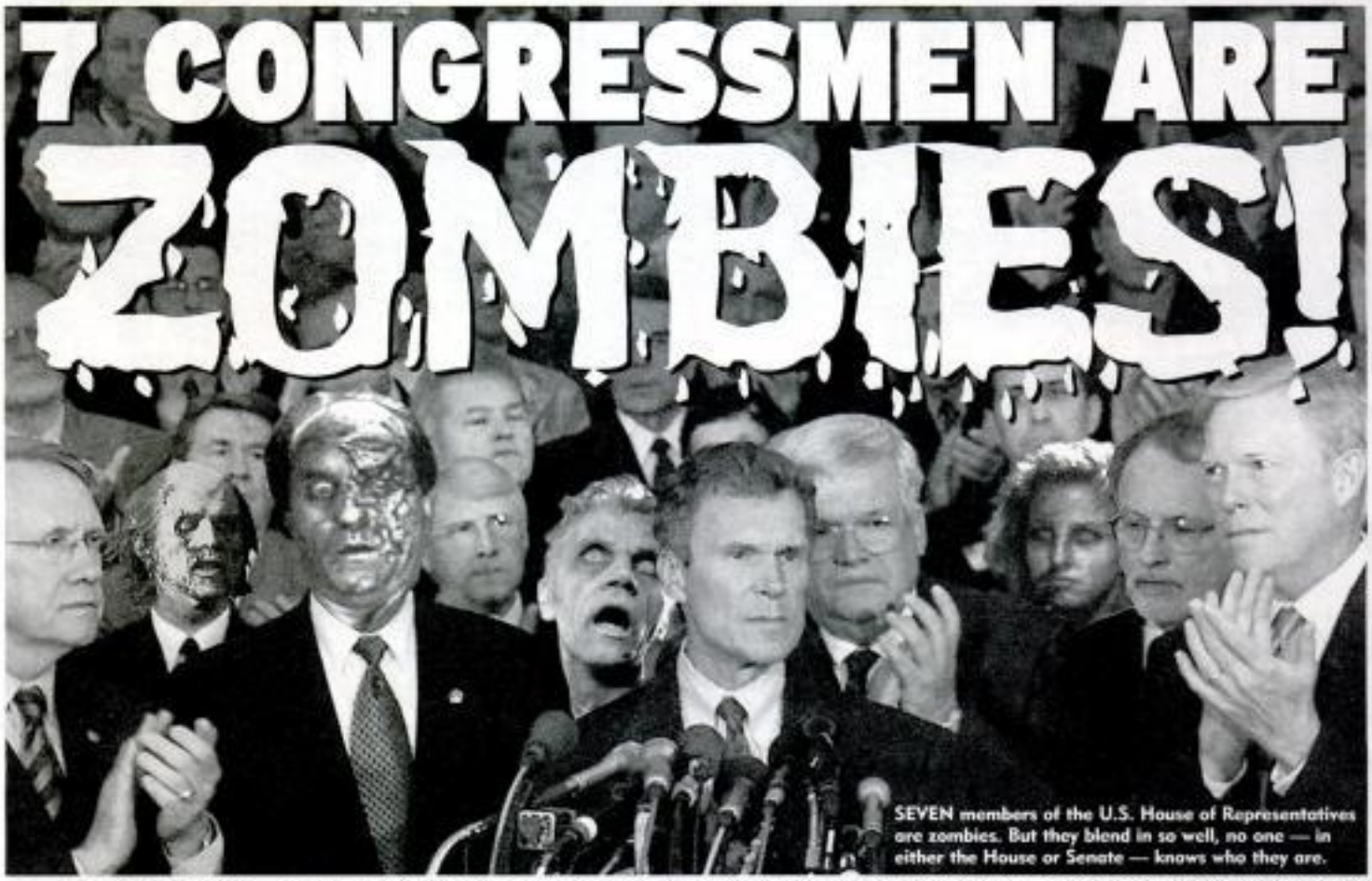
"At a time when the nations of the world should be standing shoulder to shoulder to oppose this menace, the French are cutting a deal to save their own necks. It's disgraceful."

But not everyone agrees that the Frenchies are out of line. Bob Williams, of Resistance is Futile, a Los Angeles-based group that advocates immediate surrender to E.T.s, hails what he calls Chirac's "sensible" step.

"Contrary to what you see in Hollywood movies like *Independence Day*, we simply don't have the technology to fight off a full-fledged alien invasion," Williams argues.

"What the French are doing — kneeling meekly and preparing to submit to whatever the aliens have in store — will guarantee their survival

7 CONGRESSMEN ARE ZOMBIES!



SEVEN members of the U.S. House of Representatives are zombies. But they blend in so well, no one — in either the House or Senate — knows who they are.

AT LEAST seven U.S. congressmen are boot-licking zombies controlled by Haiti's supersecret AIH intelligence agency, but here's the clincher:

Nobody can figure out who they are because the living dead — with their shuffling gait, wrinkled skin and glassy stares — are indistinguishable from all the senior-citizen politicians on Capitol Hill.

So says the FBI in a frightening internal report that suggests the House of Representatives "could become a nest of zombies within the next 10 years . . . and the American public would be none the wiser."

"It's a serious situation with national security implications that do not bode well for our future as a free nation," says a senior FBI official who leaked portions of the report to journalists in Washington.

"By definition, zombies have limited mental faculties, no emotion, no free will, and they are only able to function at the behest of voodoo Haiti's intelligence office have the power to influence votes on bills that serve or hurt Haitian interests.

"Unfortunately, our investigation has been stonewalled by elder statesmen who look and behave in zombie-like ways because they are either senile or physically impaired or both.

"I don't have to name names here — you see them on the evening news almost every night. To get to the zombies, we have to weed out the simple elderly.

"But nobody wants to turn up on the front page of *The Washington Post* because they were interviewed in a zombie investigation. They're using all the power at their disposal to shut us out."

Nobody on Capitol Hill will publicly discuss the investigation that one insider privately calls "the hottest topic of speculation since everyone was trying to guess the name of Watergate's 'Deep Throat.'"

In fact, behind closed doors, picking out the zombies in the House "has become a parlor game," the insider says.

"Everybody, in both the House and the Senate, is trying to figure who's undead and who just looks of their dirt-poor island nation's involvement in the zombie scandal "something we can only wish were true."

"Haiti has been forgotten for too long," explains one. "We would very much like to get our piece of the American pie, too."

The FBI source says the agency caught wind of the problem when a former Haitian intelligence operative who entered the U.S. illegally was arrested for driving drunk — and without a license — in Miami.

To avoid deportation, he agreed to tell the authorities what he knew about what he said was "a Haitian initiative to turn key U.S. politicians into zombies under Haitian control."

He went on to say that "at least seven" U.S. representatives "have been transformed" by powerful drugs and voodoo rituals "that were administered against their will."

What happens next is anybody's guess, but the FBI hopes that after the application of pressure through private channels, the House leadership will see the light and agree to cooperate with the investigation.

"Once we are able to ask questions, we will get answers," says the FBI source. "Until then, our hands are tied. And that means laws are every walk of life, including the living dead."

— By JOHN BUSH

ZOMBIE FACTS

- Zombies have only basic mobility and motor skills. They typically cannot run, and cannot operate heavy machinery, cappuccino machines or door handles.
- Zombies have only one weakness, their head. Damage the brain and zombies almost always fall over and stay dead.
- Zombies lurk for extremely long periods. Merely because an area has been uninhabited for several hundred years is no reason to assume the closet will not have a zombie in it.
- Zombie bites are always fatal to the victim. If a person knows someone who was bitten by a zombie, he or she should bow to the inevitable and kill the victim.
- Zombies are usually reanimated through exposure to some gov-

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Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN, IN-YOUR-FACE COLUMNIST

SHE SAYS...

"I have a Jack Russell (terrier) who's so cute, there's this one girl in Japan who dresses up like my dog and comes to concerts. This girl has a Web site devoted to him."
— Pop singer Mariah Carey

VITAL STATISTICS –
Born: March 27, 1970, in New York City. Height: 5 feet 9 inches. Eyes: Brown. Hair: Brown. Marital status: Divorced.

MY CRAZY HUBBY THINKS HE'S A DOG!

He peed on the couch & tried to hump our pastor's leg!

DEAR DOTTI: I have a terrible problem — my husband Frank thinks he's a dog. Last night he got down on all fours and lifted his leg on the sofa! He's been acting like this for weeks, and I'm about at the end of my rope.

When I try to talk to him about it, he just barks. And I certainly can't take him anywhere. A couple of days ago we went to a romantic restaurant and, when it took too long to get our food, he started growling at the waiter. You should have seen the way people were staring at us. But the very worst thing was when our pastor stopped by to visit, and Frank started humping his leg! Talk about mortifying! There's no way we'll be able to show our faces in church anymore, that's for sure. Please, Dotti, tell me what to do. — Doggone Upset in Grand Rapids

Dear Doggone Upset: You live in a big city, so there should be plenty of dog obedience schools close by. Check the Yellow Pages — but in the meantime, muzzle that man!

Stupid neighbors won't mind their own business

Dear Dotti: Why are some people so nosy? I've got neighbors who've got nothing better to do than sit around and give me grief about my single status, my busy themselves with other people's lives when they can barely tend to their own? I just don't get it. — Sick of 'Em in Baltimore

Dear Sick: People are nosy for the same reason they read this column. Namely, they love to know what kind of embarrassing problems others are having so they can feel better about their own lives. And thank God for it, or I'd be out of a job.

If I get one more photo of my grandson I'm gonna scream!

Dear Dotti: My daughter-in-law keeps sending me more and more pictures of my grandson. (I'll call him "Scooter.") He reminds me of a pup with worms, if you know what I mean. She sends so many pictures that in order to find space to display them, I'm having to take down some photos of myself with my bowling trophies. If she has any more kids, I won't have room for anything else in my house. Do you think I should send her my bowling pictures? Then, maybe she'd get the message. — Another 7-10 Split in Bloomington

Dear 7-10 Split: No grandparent worth a poop can have too many pictures of his grandchild, you selfish old fart. Take your stupid bowling trophy pictures and go jump in a lake.

My perfect man's a perfect man, and everything was going great — until we got intimate and started sleeping together. He has a bizarre gas problem! Every time we make love, right at the big moment he cuts the cheese. Needless to say, this doesn't exactly make for a romantic evening. I love him, but I can't take it anymore. Dotti, what should I do? — Blown Away in Florida

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Crazy in Love: You're not crazy in love, you're just plain crazy. Look for a restraining order in the mail any day now, psycho.

Dear Proud To Be An American: Immigrants are what made this country great, ding-dong. Go soak your head in a septic tank.

Dear Disgusted in Braverton: I agree that your relatives are insufferable idiots. Move somewhere far away, have your name legally changed, and don't look back.

Dear Pathetic in Tucson: If you can afford a call girl, knock yourself out. If not, I guess it's just you and Rosy Palmer and her five sisters.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions —

FOUND!

AN EXCLUSIVE PEEK INTO HIS STEAMY

SADDAM Hussein may be cooling his heels in the custody of U.S. troops, but his ardent gay love for "hubby" Osama Bin Laden still burns with a fiery passion — and the Pentagon's got the lurid, smuggled love letters to prove it.

"It's a tribute to Saddam's resourcefulness that he managed to find a way to get love notes delivered back and forth between himself and Osama, despite the fact that he's supposedly being held incommunicado by our best troops and the CIA," says a U.S. military source in Baghdad.

"It illustrates part of the reason he was able to retain power for so long. Half of his control was based on pure, ruthless brutality, the other half on shrewd scheming and the ability to make the impossible happen against all odds.

"And like Saddam or not, you have to give him credit.

"Under lock and key in solitary confinement, watched around the clock by teams of heavily armed guards, he traded love letters with man on the planet — seemingly with no more effort than it would take to communicate with your next-door neighbor.

And what's more, sources say Saddam was using the letters as the basis for a journal he had been writing, chronicling the story of his romance with Osama.

"This is a huge embarrassment for the United States. And President Bush wants answers pronto. But I don't think he's going to get them.

"The only person we can pressure for information is Saddam himself, and his lips are sealed.

"And for all their personal charm, the love letters tell us very little about Osama's whereabouts or who might have been the go-between.

"Unless they are written in code, and we don't think they are, all you've got are a few pages of 'sweet nothings' and tongue-in-cheek references to the gay sex Saddam and Osama shared for the better part of a year.

"Osama mentions George Bush three times in three different letters, but only to complain that he's the 'Great Satan who tore us apart' and to express his disgust over the president's surprise trip to visit American troops in Iraq on Thanksgiving Day.

"He also talks a little about Robert, the chimp that he and Saddam took under their wings and have been treating like a son since they professed their love for one another in a gay wedding last fall."

According to the source, interrogators first became aware that Saddam had made contact with "somebody" when they noticed he was fingering a small white handkerchief with an "OBL" monogram while they questioned him about his past association with international terror groups such as Islamic Jihad and Osama's own Al Qaeda.

Because he had been both strip-

IN HIS secret diary, Saddam talked about Robert — the shaved ape baby he shared with Osama, the good times they used to share together and how the "Great Satan" — George Bush — robbed them of their joy.

WHAT THE LETT

Saddam Hussein's love letters to Osama Bin Laden range from silly and adolescent to lurid and "very, very gay," says a U.S. military source who has seen them.

In what is said to be the first note, dated December 18, just days after Saddam's capture, the Iraqi tyrant expresses his "deep and undying love" for the terrorist mastermind and coos, "I remember a warm embrace, your hands in my pockets, and then . . . magic in bed."

In a second letter, dated December 27, Osama rails about President Bush's surprise trip to visit troops in Iraq on Thanksgiving Day, calling it "grandstanding."

He goes on to tell Saddam that Robert, their adopted shaved ape baby, "is growing up fast and misses you very him to miss you more than I do.

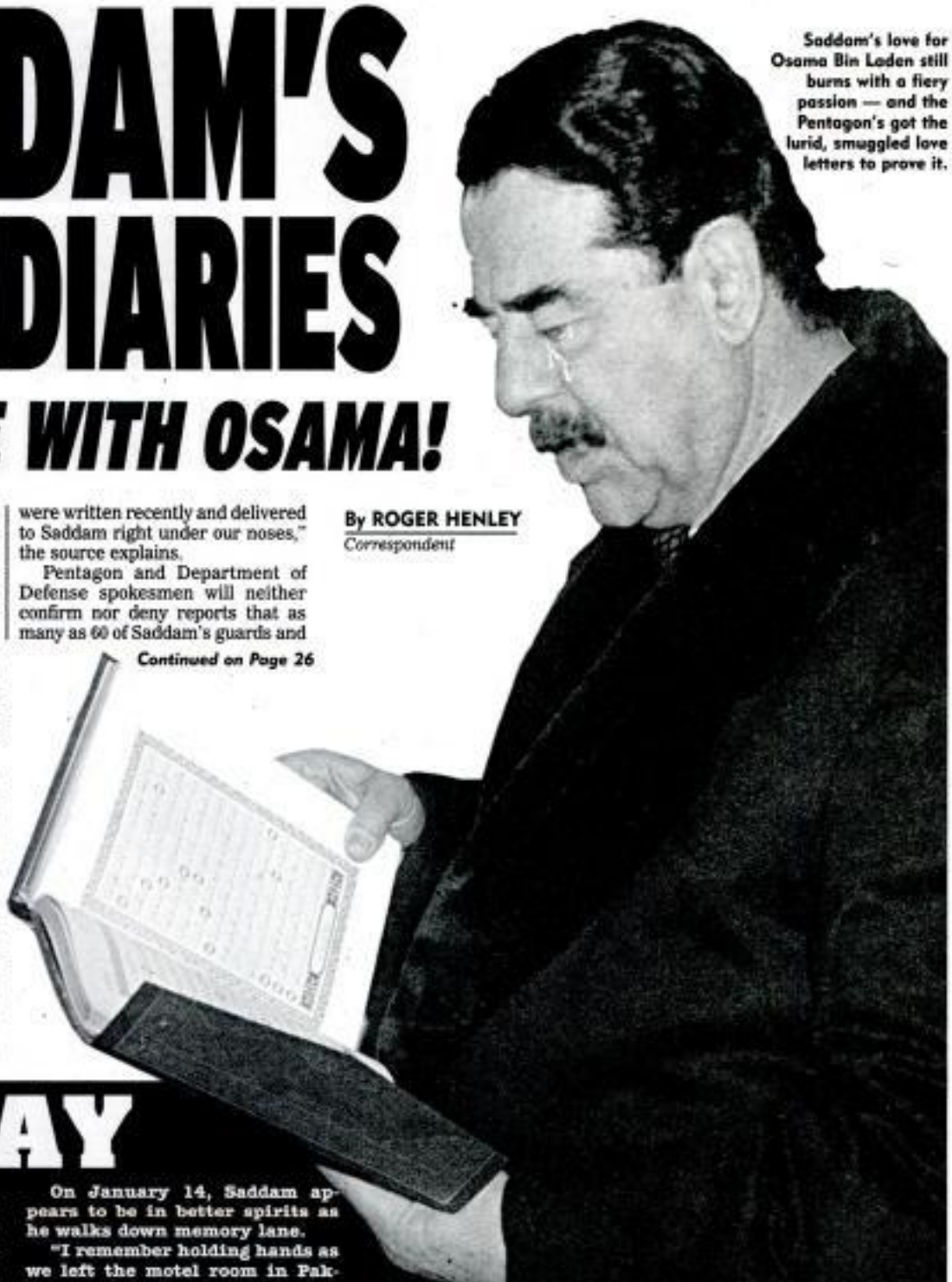
"It isn't easy sleeping night after lonely night in the bed we shared. I miss your warm touch, your loving caresses, your cherry-sweet lips, and your hot Iraqi nature."

In a letter dated January 5, Saddam seems giddy or drunk, alternately referring to Osama as "my precious and beloved Ossie" and "my sexy, swarthy passion goat."

He also describes in lurid detail a particular gay sex act

SADDAM'S LOVE DIARIES

ROMANCE WITH OSAMA!



Saddam's love for Osama Bin Laden still burns with a fiery passion — and the Pentagon's got the lurid, smuggled love letters to prove it.

By ROGER HENLEY
Correspondent

searched and body cavity-searched after he was found hiding in a "spider hole" in Tikrit, Iraq, last December, it was obvious that the cotton hankie — which reeked of what the source calls "cheap gay cologne" — had been smuggled in from the outside.

"When Saddam tried to eat the handkerchief rather than turn it over, we knew it wasn't just any old keepsake — it had special meaning for him," continues the source.

"A search team later found seven love letters tucked behind a loose brick in his holding cell, all of which were penned in Arabic in Osama's trademark 'chicken scratch' handwriting and dated between December 18 and January 19."

Especially troubling, says the source, were Osama's references to events that have occurred since Saddam's capture, including Bush's shocking decision to give up the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"That proves that the letters were written recently and delivered to Saddam right under our noses," the source explains.

Pentagon and Department of Defense spokesmen will neither confirm nor deny reports that as many as 60 of Saddam's guards and

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ERS SAY

joyed in the recent past.

It involves several "props" that, according to a description in the letter, included a leather mask, a dog collar and a large, battery-operated sex appliance.

In yet another letter dated January 12, Osama inexplicably taunts Saddam, telling him that he is now sharing his bed with a male friend.

Osama eventually apologizes by saying, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I know it (Saddam's capture) isn't your fault. But my

On January 14, Saddam appears to be in better spirits as he walks down memory lane.

"I remember holding hands as we left the motel room in Pakistan," he writes.

"I remember they all looked at us, not knowing what to think. They weren't sure if we were joking — or if our love was real. Now they know and as God would have it, we have been ripped apart.

"We must trust in Allah. His will is our way. If not on Earth,

SADDAM'S LOVE DIARIES

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interrogators have been reassigned in the wake of what's already being called the "Osamagate" love letter scandal.

But a senior White House source with close ties to both agencies says "at least that many" have been transferred and "there may be court martials. The president is livid."

The notes themselves, both CIA and Pentagon analysts admit, were absolutely written by Osama within the past few weeks.

The notes, adds one source, "would seem to confirm reports" that the fugitive terror kingpin and Saddam "share the kind of deep personal relationship that was widely reported in the media last year."

That "deep personal relationship," of course, refers to the whirlwind gay romance that began in a Pakistani motel room last spring and led to Osama's and Saddam's stunning same-sex wedding last fall. The marriage, in turn, prompted the happy couple to adopt Robert, a shaved ape baby who they hoped would cement their relationship and make their "family" complete.

As *Weekly World News* and other major media reported late last year, it was a monumental gay hissy fit that indirectly led to Saddam's capture.

The Iraqi ex-tyrant stormed out of the couple's love nest in southern France in a huff and returned to Iraq after Osama accused him in a jealous rage of making a gay move on a hunky Al Qaeda bodyguard half his age.

Just days later, U.S. troops yanked Saddam from a hole in Tikrit — and he's been in solitary confinement ever since.

"There's lots of speculation about the love letters," says the source. "At the Department of Defense, it's pretty much the consensus that the French may have helped get them to Saddam even though there's no evidence to prove it.

"But the Pentagon doesn't see it that way. Brass hats think someone in the interim Iraqi government is behind the delivery, but again, that's pure speculation.

"For its part, the CIA admits it hasn't a clue. The

them is that one of our guards was on the take.

"But even if we did know who delivered the letters, we wouldn't be in any rush to make an arrest. We'd be watching him very closely to see if he'd lead us to Osama. That would make all of this embarrassment worthwhile."

Meanwhile, says the source, interrogators are using and will continue to use the love letters and keepsake handkerchief "to increase psychological pressure on Saddam."

"He tries to hide it, but he treasures those letters and he wants them back," continues the source. "After analysts confirmed their authenticity, they quickly duplicated them so interrogators could use the fakes to help make Saddam talk.

"In one late-night session an interrogator pulled a handkerchief with Osama's monogram on it from a brown envelope.

"Then he pulled a love letter out of the same envelope and struck a match, acting like he was going to set the note on fire.

"Saddam's eyes almost popped out of his head. He was trembling with rage and for a few seconds, it looked like he might crack. But he somehow managed to pull himself together and avert his eyes, as if to say, 'Go ahead — burn it. I can take it.'

"But that's O.K. It's clear he's as protective as a mama lion when it comes to Osama's handkerchief and letters. We also know he's not going anywhere, and we can bring them back any time we want to step up the pressure.

"Sooner or later, Saddam will tell us what we want to hear. And when he does, he'll curse the day Osama sent him those letters."

THIS photo, taken earlier this year, shows Saddam and Osama sharing an intimate moment at a Baghdad spa.

THOUGH Saddam and Osama were the world's most wanted fugitives, when together they were oblivious to the outside world.

THE BEST BAGHDAD BOB QUOTES OF 2003

IRAQ'S former Minister of Information, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, better known as Baghdad Bob, kept us entertained throughout the otherwise dreary war. Here are some of his best lines:

- **We will welcome them with bullets and shoes.**
- **I speak better English than Bush, the little.**
- **My feelings — as usual — we will slaughter them all.**
- **Little Bush, this man is a war criminal, and we will see that he is brought to trial.**
- **Those are not Iraqi soldiers at all. Where did they bring them from?**
- **We have them surrounded in their tanks.**
- **Yesterday, we slaughtered them and we will continue to slaughter them.**
- **They are nowhere near the airport . . . they are lost in the desert . . . they can not read a compass . . . they are retarded.**
- **We chased them . . . and they ran away . . .**
- **There are no American infidels in Baghdad. Never! . . . I triple guarantee you, there are no American soldiers in Baghdad.**
- **Our initial assessment is that they will all die.**
- **Britain is not worth an old shoe.**
- **The American press is all**

The Psychic Sabak Sisters

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PERSONAL TO:

Frantic Lady in Salisbury: Calm down, dear — your engagement ring is exactly where you left it . . . on your new boss's night stand.

Suspicious in Cortland: Your husband isn't cheating on you, but he's thinking about it. Ask your sister for details.

Dreaming in Marion: A concert pianist, no. A singer in a rock band, yes. But you'll have to take those voice lessons your mother has been nagging you about!

Wondering in Athens: Your financial problems stem from a past life in which you were, to put it mildly, a greedy banker. It's payback time, my friend. Don't expect much improvement in your situation until your NEXT lifetime.

WHY IS MY SOUL MATE TRYING TO STRANGLE ME?

DEAR SERENA: Late last week I met my soul mate and it was love at first sight. In fact, just seconds after we met in a supermarket checkout line, I asked Frederick to move into my apartment with me — and he accepted.

He came home with me that night and there wasn't a single awkward moment except when I woke up in the middle of the night as he was trying to strangle me. He said he was having a bad dream and I believed him. But the same thing has happened two more times since then — and I'm beginning to wonder. I know he's my soul mate, that can't be denied. The question is, is he trying to kill me — and if so, why? — Concerned in Coos Bay

Dear Concerned: Your soul mate is a demonic impostor — not your soul mate — and he was, in fact, planning to kill you. I say "was" because as you already know, he fled in terror after I telephoned and advised you to read him a few verses from the Bible. Look for your true soul mate to pop up in March. But I warn you in advance — he doesn't speak English!

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Dear Sonya: If you're such a hot shot and cool psychic like you think you are, tell me this: What's the sex of the baby I'm pregnant with — and what's the ONE THING that scares me to death? — Skeptic in Lanham

Dear Skeptic: I'd love to tell you the sex of your baby, dudette, but I can't because he-she is a hermaphrodite and I'm not sure whether to call "it" a boy or a girl. Anyway, one thing that scares you to death is spiders, but what ought to be scaring you to death is that mole on your back. That bad boy is cancerous — and if I were you, I'd get it sliced off pronto!

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Dear Serena: My 17-year-old son is behaving strangely and I'm worried sick that he's taking drugs. He's lost interest in everything. His grades are going down the tubes. He's skipping school. He's even stopped hanging around with his best friends. I've asked him about drugs and he just shrugs and tells me to "get lost." Help me help him, Serena. His future is at stake. — Worried Mom in Broken Arrow

Dear Worried Mom: Your son isn't on drugs. He's suffering from a severe hormonal imbalance that's left him deeply depressed and — unknown even to you — suicidal. My Spell of Physical Attunement will smooth things out for him. You'll see dramatic, positive changes immediately, and rest assured, his future is bright. I see him becoming America's first Native American vice president!

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Dear Sonya: This might sound crazy, but a crow or some kind of blackbird is making my life miserable. Every morning it wakes me up by standing on my window sill and pecking at the glass. It's not like a little "peck, peck, peck," either, it's more like "PECK, PECK, PECK." Then when I get up to open the drapes, it starts cawing and making all these whistling noises and fluttering around and making a big commotion. It's very creepy. It happens every day. And it's starting to scare me. — Bird Woman in Thomasville

Dear Bird Woman: Don't have a cow, girl — the early bird is your old friend Jackie from high school. Let your mind drift back to the "death pact" you made after your art teacher croaked. You both agreed that if there really was life after death, the first to die would come back and let the other know. Well, Jack's back — and for goodness' sake . . . give him some seeds!

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25 Purplish-red
27 Zodiac sign
28 Publishes
29 Goes with former
30 Thyroid gland disorder
31 River of India
33 Volcanic rock
35 Stand up to
36 Term of endearment
37 Pinnacles
38 Tarzan, e.g.
41 Medicinal plants
43 Sound the alarm
45 Quick swims
46 On the ocean (2 wds)
47 Clear soup
50 Sister's daughters
52 Actor Peter
54 Japanese-American
56 Ruby and Sandra
58 Rip apart
59 Dark breads
60 River side
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64 "— — home is his castle"
66 A way up
69 Engaged in espionage
71 Big hotel room
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74 God of the netherworld
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77 Trick or treat time
78 Radiant with excitement
79 Social engagements
80 Mischief-maker
81 Tennis or golf
84 Bossy remark
85 That's a moray
86 Small egg
88 Andrea Bocelli, for one
89 Carry along
90 Wigwam
91 Revolve
92 Fall back
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95 Certain fishing boat
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99 Where it's at
100 Without difficulty
104 Competitor
106 Courtroom happening
106 Corn — pipe
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113 Dodge one's duty
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116 Drug bust, perhaps
118 Like better
120 Swiss or cheddar
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140 Take a stab at
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145 Extremely happy
147 Bird of peace
148 Dry, withered
149 Kind of interest
150 Utters
151 Give in
154 Give it a whirl
157 Note from the boss
158 Baseballer Cobb and namesakes
159 Deviates
162 Disconnect
163 Paddle
164 He had the golden touch
167 Musical composition
169 Dinner discs
171 Window ledge
173 Presidential nix
176 High standards
179 Stage production
180 Obliterate, wipe out
183 Valentine cherub
185 Bank on
188 Before long
190 Textile fiber
191 Metal fastener
192 Veggie container
193 Chewing stick
195 Type of drum
196 Theater walkway
197 Member of the electorate
198 Playground item
200 Sheltie shelter (2 wds)
202 Dwelt
205 It has banks in Paris
207 Middle East ruler
208 Felt sick
209 Knighted ladies
210 Vaccine fluid
212 Dieter's bane
213 Goblet feature
215 Relate
216 Evergreen
217 Trot or canter
219 First person
221 Auditions for a part
223 Nursery toy
225 Private eye
227 Hawaiian hello
229 Sink hole
231 Tall story
232 "Dear" fellows
234 More painful
236 Famous last words
237 Woeful wail
239 Agrees, concurs
241 Burrowing rodent
244 Gold diggers
245 Type of engine
247 Oak nuts
249 Cuba's capital
251 Return to custody
253 Famous fountain of Rome
254 Capitol fellow
255 Ambassadors
256 Pressure indicator
257 Brutish
258 Allude to
259 Sizes up
260 File covers

DOWN

2 Stud's place
3 Man of many words
4 Desire, longing
5 Fully aware
6 Hoarse talk
7 Serf
8 Greasy spoons
9 Hill builder
10 Regretted
11 Attack with a machine gun
12 Attractive item
13 Popeyed
14 Flower wreath
15 Involved
16 Treeless tracts of Asia
18 Intense anger
19 Ladies of Spain (Abbr)
20 German one
21 Nullify
22 State of purification
24 Ground breaker
26 Greek god
28 Crony
32 View
33 Send into exile
34 It's immune from criticism (2 wds)
39 Required
40 Jitters
42 Soft drinks
44 Below, poetically
45 Senior member
46 Cockeyed
48 Certain office worker
49 Funeral vehicle
51 It rises to the top
53 Bay window
54 Secured with spikes
55 Division word
57 Hogwarts professor
63 "Till — do us part"
65 Ceases
67 Novel idea
68 Applied the brakes
69 Turn aside
70 Orange cover
71 Hollandaise, for one
72 Manmade waterway
73 Extremely
75 Smudge
79 Evil spirit
82 Old auto
83 Eye drops
86 Hunter constellation
87 Seasoned soldier, briefly
90 Swap
93 Creepy
96 Speech impediments
97 "Happily — after"
101 Ventilates
102 Hot rice drinks
103 Acting tryouts (2 wds)
105 Southpaws
106 Fever indicator
107 What an omen does
109 Canoe propellers
110 Anniversaries
112 Bridle strap
113 Pretense
114 Measurable factor
115 Property encumbrance
117 Buck's mate
119 Decide
120 Drink mat
121 Crusty dessert
123 Change the color again
125 Gift recipient
126 Unruly kids
128 Extremely overweight
136 Oil of —
137 Delirium Tremens (Abbr)
139 Mt. Olympus residents
141 Cupid's Greek cousin
143 After Social or Capital
144 Verne's captain
146 Lifeboat crane
149 Mesa — National Park
152 Formally surrender
153 Knock it off
155 Skirt the issue
156 Look after
160 Lot attendant
161 Unwelcome plants
164 City official
165 Fails
166 Makes believe
168 Desert refuge
169 Trite saying
170 Veneer
171 Salvaged
172 Drink chiller
174 Olympic score
175 Some gemstones
177 Comes in last
178 Card game for one
179 School dance
181 Ruffles
182 Mr. Castro
183 Zoo enclosure
184 Sandhill
186 Author Jong
187 Las Vegas is here
189 Hawaiian goose
192 Celestial body
194 Highway sign
197 Soft fabric
198 Hell's head honcho
199 Flunked a polygraph
200 "Divine Comedy" poet
201 Oahu outings
203 Middle East airline
204 Floor models, briefly
206 Hot coals
209 Signal from Ma Bell (2 wds)
211 Alleviate, relieve
214 Rock used for monuments
216 One of Santa's eight
218 Regal seats
220 Seattle ballplayer
222 Downy ducks
224 Landlord
226 Soap bubbles
228 Tribute
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231 Herbal beverages
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NOSING AROUND

LOOKS LIKE these two have figured out a pretty good working relationship: You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. The cooperative critters are at a park in Budapest, Hungary, where it looks like a light snow has started to fall. Could this picture get any more adorable? We doubt it!

Darth Vader groupie Kim Jong Il cuts deal with U.S.

I'LL GIVE UP NUKES FOR *STAR WARS* MOVIES

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

KIM Jong Il, top right, strongly identifies with ruthless *Star Wars* villain Darth Vader, above.

IN SECRET talks, unstable North Korean tyrant Kim Jong Il has offered to shut down his nuclear arms program and allow U.N. weapons inspections unlimited access to his country — if he's given a sneak preview of *Star Wars: Episode III*.

U.S. negotiators were flabbergasted when the flamboyant, wild-haired strongman said he would give up his nukes in exchange for a chance to see the upcoming installment of the popular sci-fi saga, not due to hit theaters until May 25, 2005.

"When Kim told us his primary demand was 'I must have *Star Wars*,' we first thought he was referring to the Strategic Defense Initiative — that he was saying he'd surrender his nukes if his country would be protected by the space-based missile defense shield America is developing," says a Bush administration source involved in the high-stakes bargaining sessions.

"When he made it clear he was talking about a Hollywood movie, we were simply stunned. It's almost unfathomable that this dangerous rogue nation that's held the world in the grip of fear with its nuclear threats for the past year is being governed by a sci-fi nerd obsessed with light sabers and the Force."

Yet to Far East experts familiar with the extremes to which avid cinema buff Kim Jong Il has gone in the past, the bizarre demand comes as no surprise. The depraved dictator once kidnapped South Korea's most famous film star, Choe Eun Hee, and her movie producer hubby Shin Sang Ok and forced them to make propaganda films on his behalf until they finally escaped nine years later.

"Kim liked action movies, sex movies, horror movies," Shin Sang Ok recalls. "When I knew him, his favorites were *Friday the 13th* and Hong Kong action films. He's a big fan of Rambo and James Bond."

In more recent years, Kim's taste has turned to science fiction. It's said his private collection includes thousands of vintage science-fiction videos and rare memorabilia such as a life-size Chewbacca doll, a complete set of *Battlestar Galactica* action figures and even a signed copy of William Shatner's *The Transformed Man* — that infamous '60s album on which the *Star Trek* skipper warbles "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds."

Biographer Edward King says Kim has been fixated on *Star Wars* in particular for at least a decade.

"Kim strongly identifies with Darth Vader, the ruthless villain of the original *Star Wars* trilogy," the British researcher reveals. "Since the third prequel will focus on heroic Anakin Skywalker's switch to the Dark Side and transformation into Vader, it's obvious why Kim would have an 'I gotta have it' attitude."

U.S. negotiators — who had feared Kim's terms might be impossible to

Fox and Lucasfilm will agree to give the despot a much-coveted sneak peak at the flick.

"The plot of the next *Star Wars* movie is one of the best kept secrets in Hollywood. Kim Jong Il may be anxious to know what happens next, but so are a lot of other fans," says a studio insider.

"We don't want details leaking out that will spoil the fun for American moviegoers."

FLYING MICE HERE TO STAY!

FLYING MICE have finally made their way from the jungles of Papua New Guinea into the United States, says an expert — and it's only a matter of time before the creepy critters turn up in your home.

"They sailed in on an unusually strong Pacific wind and with few natural predators, they're here to stay," says a zoologist at the University of California at Berkeley.

"They spread filth and do all the things ordinary mice do but they are much more difficult to kill and catch. Cats won't eat them because they have a strong, foul odor that makes them unpalatable."

The thumb-sized rodents evolved with small, furry wings that enable them to "hop and fly" for short distances, "about 30 to 40 feet per launch," says the expert. The powerful wind that brought them to the U.S. "was a fluke," he adds, "the kind that pushes seagulls and pelicans from coastal areas into Kansas."

WORLD'S BIGGEST DINO TURD FOUND!

EXCITED scientists have sniffed out the world's biggest dinosaur dropping – a dense pile of poop the size of a kitchen stove!

The 75-million-year-old fossil discovered in Alberta, Canada, contained a hint of what the lumbering giant reptile's last meal might have been: Buried in the middle was a chunk of well-preserved dinosaur muscle tissue — a find that delighted paleontologists call "extremely rare."

BIG ROW OVER BARBIE WITCH DOLL

OUTRAGED religious conservatives are blasting the toy giant Mattel for its latest incarnation of Barbie — which depicts the beloved doll as a teenage witch!

Hoping to cash in on the popularity of TV shows like *Charmed*, the company unveiled Secret Spells Barbie last Halloween. Wearing a sparkly "Charm Girls" jacket, the bewitching beauty comes complete with a wand, spell book and even a cauldron for mixing magic potions.

But Born Again Christian groups charge that inviting little girls to play with such a doll is opening the doors to paganism and playing right into Satan's hands.

"Barbie has always dressed like a harlot and now she even casts spells, both going against God," fumed one enraged fundamentalist.

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WEREWOLF CULT PREYING ON TEENS

A DANGEROUS werewolf cult is recruiting alienated teens, luring them from their homes and encouraging them to wear wolf masks, eat raw meat and howl at the moon, concerned officials in Australia warn.

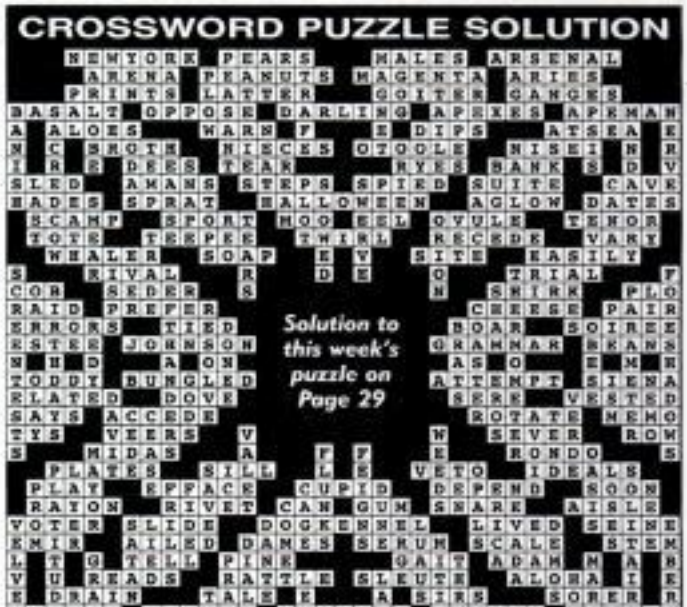
Members of the pack, estimated to number at least 50, genuinely believe they are werewolves and revel in their supposed ability to "shape-shift" when the moon is full. Granting others the privilege of becoming lycanthropes is a wonderful "gift," they maintain.

Scores of worried parents whose kids have begun running with the pack have contacted Australia's Cult Information Hotline, with frantic tales of youths being brainwashed into the werewolf lifestyle.

Social worker David Ward investigated the case of a 19-year-old youth who was recruited into the bizarre human wolf pack. He says young people are easy pickings for werewolf cults eager to expand their numbers.

"They go through an identity crisis, where they wonder who they are and they're vulnerable," he told a reporter. "My concern is the kids really believe they can turn into werewolves."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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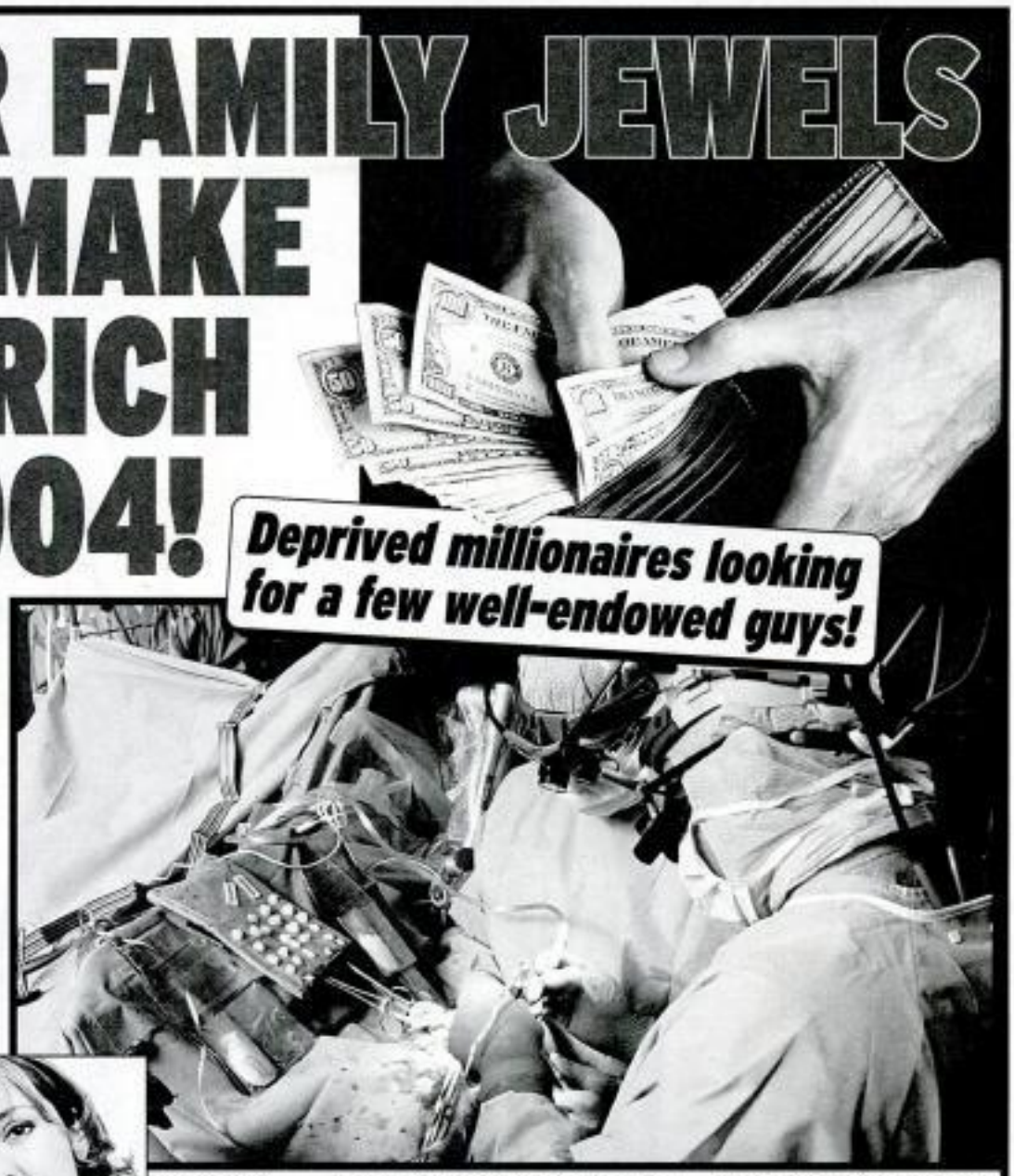

Deprived millionaires looking for a few well-endowed guys!

By VICKIE YORK
Correspondent

GOOD NEWS, guys! Your genitalia can make you filthy rich — even if you're only modestly endowed!

Thanks in part to the worldwide epidemic of "bobbiting" by angry wives, coupled with breathtaking advances in transplant microsurgery, wealthy fat cats who've lost their reproductive organs to foul play, accidents or disease are now paying outlandish sums to donors willing to part with their wedding tackle!

"Men with huge bankrolls but missing all or part of their genitals are shelling out as much as $5 million for a healthy penis and up to $500,000 for a single testicle," reveals medical writer Steve Parskins of Boston.

"They're desperate and in many cases they'll settle for even a smaller-than-average replacement part."

WHO wouldn't spend a small fortune on replacement parts to please a gal like this?

In many cases, the prospective transplant recipients lost their organs to wives who caught them in extramarital affairs. In other instances, they were unmanned in freak accidents — for example, a 42-year-old Texas millionaire whose penis was literally fried off when a downed power line fell into his Jeep.

"There are also victims of penile or Parskins says.

In rare cases, megabucks dudes who have fully functioning but extremely undersized genitalia are shelling out big dough to anyone willing to trade.

"They generally suffer from micropenis, an embarrassing medical condition in which the male member is as little as .79 of an inch," Parskins reveal. "For a tycoon who employs thousands of people and has a net worth in the billions, that's just not acceptable. He needs something in his pants to match his however high the financial reward?

Many of the donors are inveterate gamblers who are hopelessly in debt. Others simply have lost interest in sex.

Tony G. of Los Angeles has no regrets about letting a 57-year-old movie mogul have his penis for a cool $3 million.

"All that big thingamajig ever did was get me in trouble," says the 39-year-old now-retired bartender.

Roger H. of Chicago says that donating his right testicle in exchange for $450,000 was the sweetest deal of his life.

"The doctors assured me that having one testicle won't affect my sex drive and I'll still be able to have kids if I want," says the 26-year-old

Penile and testicular transplants are technically difficult and have only recently become feasible thanks to advances in microsurgery. Surgeons have to join a mind-bending number of tiny blood vessels and nerves.

Beyond that, the ethics of genital transplantation from living donors is an increasingly hot topic, debated at conferences by doctors and medical ethicists.

"I have many wealthy patients who've lost a testicle to cancer who will ask me about the transplant option," says a St. Louis physician. "I always encourage them to instead try a prosthesis that can be inserted in the scrotum.

"But for some reason, vanity perhaps, more and more of them are in-

CARNIVAL RIDE TO HELL!

PEOPLE GO IN BUT DON'T COME OUT!

By RANDOLPH DAY/Correspondent

AN EVIL carnival ride that yanks shrieking passengers into the bowels of Hell and then dumps them at the cloven feet of the hissing, grinning Devil is making the rounds in the United States.

And if you value life and your everlasting soul, says a paranormal expert, you won't get on a ride anytime, anyplace, without a Bible in your hand, a picture of Jesus in your pocket — and a crucifix around your neck.

"That may be your only protection against a supernatural 'amusement' that goes by many names, including the Tunnel of Fear, House of Horrors, and the Devil's Maze," says author and paranormal investigator Wilson Slaber.

"People who buy tickets roll into a rickety old plywood building on a contraption that looks like a roller coaster, just as they would on a normal ride, but they don't roll out.

"And there's no way to anticipate where it will turn up next. It's apt to pop up anywhere at anytime as it moves around the country shadowing legitimate carnivals and fairs, materializing on the far ends of the midways where ordinary roller coasters, Ferris wheels, Scramblers and Tilt-A-Whirls are wheeled in on flatbed trucks and assembled by human hands.

"It suddenly appears and then disappears after it delivers its load of fresh and unsuspecting souls to Satan. Carnival workers know all about it, but they seldom discuss it with outsiders or even among themselves.

"Carnival owners keep quiet, too.

ride, but no, the stories certainly aren't true. But they have to say that because if people get scared and stop coming to carnivals, they're out of business.

"But they know the truth, even if they won't tell it. There's nothing fun about the ride. It's a piece of me-

According to Slaber, only one person, an 18-year-old girl from Little Rock, Ark., has ever emerged from the dreadful ride.

She is now seriously brain damaged and can't talk, see or hear. But even with those injuries, says the

"For a few days in the hospital after she was found writhing on the ground in a carnival's parking lot, she could still talk," explains the expert.

"All she could say was, 'Don't take me, Devil. Don't take me, Devil. Don't take me, Devil,' over and over again. Psychiatrists agree that she suffered severe trauma and horror — over what, they can't agree.

"But I've had six psychics and 10 empaths spend time with the girl and they are convinced the child saw Hell. She met Satan. And for some reason, he let her go.

"But who could look at the terrible horrors of Hell and keep their sanity? It's obvious that what this child saw destroyed her eyes and her mind. And all the people who were on the ride with her, and all those who went before her, are still there."

Law enforcement agencies nationwide confirm that "unusual numbers of people have gone missing" around carnivals over the past few years, but they have no explanation and were hesitant to even consider that the disappearances might have had something to do with a supernatural carnival ride.

"They're trained to deal with mundane facts that reconcile with the world as it appears most of the time," says Slaber. "Unless and until they open their minds to supernatural phenomena, they'll never be able to figure out what's happening. And that means anyone who goes to a carnival is at risk.

"That's why it's a good idea to carry a Bible or the Koran or wear a crucifix and carry a picture of Jesus when you go to a carnival.

"It may be the only way to protect yourself from getting on the wrong

DEAD OR ALIVE?

Once these stars felt like the folks next door, but some of them have moved on to a neighborhood that we hope we won't see for awhile. Who's living and who's not? (Answers below.)

He was spirited. He was precocious. O.K., he was a brat. But everyone loved the young title character of *Dennis the Menace* (1959-63), even grumpy next-door neighbor George Wilson. Based on Hank Ketchum's popular comic strip, the show got laughs from the all-boy energy of Dennis — who somehow won forgiveness for his mischief week after week. Back, from left: Gloria Henry (mom ALICE MITCHELL) and Sylvia Field (sweet, grandmotherly MRS. WILSON). Front, from left: Herbert Anderson (dad HENRY MITCHELL), Jay North (energetic DENNIS MITCHELL) and Joseph Kearns (good ol' MR. WILSON).

Gloria Henry is 80. Sylvia Field died in July 1998, at age 97. Herbert Anderson died in June 1994, at age 77. Jay North is 52. Joseph Kearns died of a heart attack in February 1962, and was replaced by Gale Gordon as Mr. Wilson's brother, John. (Gordon died of lung cancer in June 1995, at age 89.)

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of two men and three women whose eyes give them a distinctive look. We'd LOVE it if you figured out their NAMES in time for Valentine's Day! The answers are below.

1

Three names — three times the fun!

2

He played a strange Cold War maniac.

3

She's the world's wildest widow.

4

Who wouldn't hit the beach with this singer?

5

Her movie fame runs deep.

WHO ARE THEY?

1) Jennifer Love Hewitt
2) Peter Sellers as Dr. Strangelove
3) Courtney Love
4) Mike Love
5) Linda Lovelace

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED! (From Page 27)

Card No. 3: The Tower
NEW TACTICS

Love: If committed, you may have to compromise with your partner in ways you never have. If single, think carefully before giving up your hard-won space to someone new.

Money: Major changes in your financial situation are on the horizon. Consult an expert for advice before making changes, but trust your own instincts as well.

Health: If you've bee putting off dealing with that "minor" problem, now's the time to get it taken care of before it turns into a major

Card No. 5: 4 of Swords
UNDERSTANDING

Love: Your partner's been distracted, but your patient understanding will soon bring all the attention back to you. Singles will find that a sincere smile works more magic than empty flirting.

Money: A downturn will not hurt you if you keep your head and refuse to panic. Seek steady growth, not overnight riches. Talk to an expert if necessary.

Health: Full recovery is in sight after a long period of difficulty. But don't go back to your old habits. You'll stay in great physical condition if

Card No. 1: Hanged Man
CONSEQUENCES

Love: You need to start paying more attention to this part of your life, or you may find loved ones drifting away. Remember that a healthy relationship must be nurtured in order to thrive.

Money: Cut back on your spending and give the credit cards a rest. And now's the time to start saving for a rainy day — before storm clouds start gathering.

Health: If you've been feeling sluggish and tired lately, it could be your diet. Your doctor may be able to refer you to a nutritionist

Card No. 2: 7 of Swords
NEW PATHWAYS

Love: If single, you'll find a new love interest is about to capture your heart. If committed, your relationship gets a boost like a second honeymoon or addition to the family.

Money: You'll soon receive a new source of income doing something you enjoy. Spend some of it to pamper yourself or take a much-needed vacation.

Health: You're feeling great — or soon will be, with new knowledge or a new treatment. Any diet or fitness routine you begin now

Card No. 4: World
TREAT YOURSELF

Love: A sexy, charming newcomer is about to enter your life and shake up your routine. Go ahead and have a little fun, but keep your feet on the ground. It won't last long!

Money: You'll soon get a small windfall — a bonus at work, an inheritance or stock dividend. You can splurge on a treat with this "found money."

Health: Take a break and trade your jogging gear for some dancing shoes this weekend. It's a great workout for both body and soul

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NEW SPORTS CRAZE:

GEEZER DRAG RACING

RECAPTURING the thrills of his teen years, Howard "Big Dog" Sloacum is hot stuff on the senior drag circuit.

SPEED FREAK Morgan Hamilton used to annoy other drivers with his slowpoke ways. But now he smokes just about everyone on the drag strip.

THEIR CARS RUN ON HIGH-TEST . . . AND THE DRIVERS RUN ON FIBER!

By KAYE ROSEBURG
Correspondent

FROM Florida to California, senior citizens as old as 90 are burning rubber in their powerful Cadillacs, Buicks and Lincolns — and worried police warn it's only a matter of time before some of them get killed.

Drag racing for doddering drivers began in New Mexico and quickly spread to the rest of the country.

"Basically, a bunch of elderly guys get together and find a quiet road somewhere where they can compete in drag races," explains a Florida highway patrolman.

"Just a week ago, one of our officers clocked two seniors doing 120 in their Caddies. When they were stopped and questioned, one of them

tured limbs and at least one heart attack.

"That old-timer won a race near Miami and the excitement was too much for him," the Florida cop says. "If the craze continues, we expect more fatalities."

Some speed-freak seniors, like Howard "Big Dog" Sloacum, are reliving the hot-rodding days of their teens. "I feel like I'm back with my old car club again," says Sloacum, 64.

But many of the oldsters were responsible drivers in their younger days — men like Morgan Hamilton, 75, who barely drove the speed limit.

Now, with their days numbered, Hamilton and other long-in-the-tooth lead-foots are throwing caution to the

give up racing. "What do I have to lose if I get killed in a race?" he demands. "I've lived long enough already."

Competitors wear full racing gear, including snazzy helmets, and many are having their cars specialty tuned for the events. Often their souped-up vehicles are adorned with artwork that reflects a bygone era — with pictures of long-dead movie stars like Rita Hayworth and Betty Grable plastered on the hood.

The oldsters' high-speed exploits have won them many admirers. Female groupies from local senior centers flock to the races.

"Some grannies even toss their panties at the victor," says a Phoenix sportswriter who's seen several

the high-risk sports. Relatives of the racers are asking authorities to put the brakes on geezer-racing.

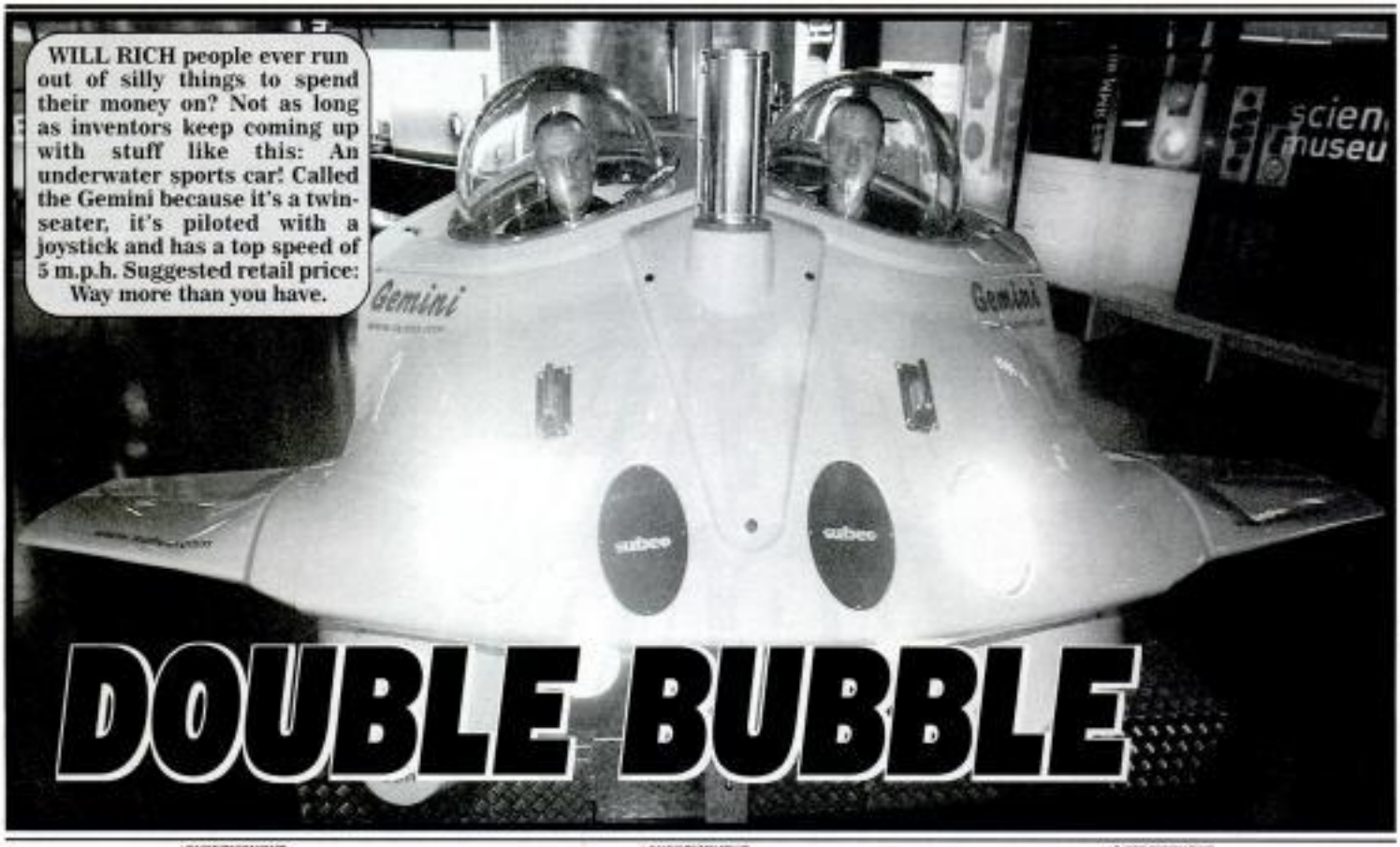
"Grandpa is out there zooming down the road at 150 m.p.h. and he thinks he's Paul Newman," says worried Lisa Smith of San Diego. "I'm afraid he's going to be hurt."

Government highway experts say that most senior citizens are not capable of safely operating an automobile at high speeds.

"Their peripheral vision is generally poor, their reflexes are slow — they simply don't belong behind the wheel of a race car," declares highway-safety expert Tom Johnson. "With hemorrhoids they're always complaining about, I don't see how they even sit that long."

But advocates for seniors say the elderly have every right to drag race into their 90s and beyond.

"Obviously, these people have proven that drag racing is a sport



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MEN

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By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
New York Correspondent

MAN LOSES LEGS TO TIGHT PANTS

Steve Hrabofsky has been wearing extremely tight pants since 1973, despite radical changes in fashion, and he has finally paid the price.

According to Hrabofsky's physician, Dr. Mortimer Zugstein, "Steve was caught in what might be described as a 'sartorial time-warp.' He never stopped dressing exactly the way he did in the 1970s when he was a 'disco maniac.' I warned him of the consequences, but he just wouldn't listen. The lack of circulation caused gangrene, and we had no choice but to remove his legs.

"Even his expressions were from the '70s. My grandmother is hipper than Steve. Let's see how 'groovy' he is now!"

INFANT ADMITTED TO COLLEGE

Ten-month-old Wiley Marshall is by far the youngest student ever admitted to Australia's Flinders University, or anywhere else.

Born with the ability to speak, the infant genius reportedly greeted both his mom and dad in the delivery room and thanked them for bringing him into the world. He then went on to thank the doctor and staff for their role in his birth.

Dr. Henry Thurman, head of the maternity ward at Bruce General Hospital where little Wiley was born, said he had never seen anything like it before.

"At first," he said, "I thought the father was a ventriloquist who was throwing his voice, but then I saw the baby's lips move, and I felt chills go up my spine."

Wiley's professors say they try not to treat him any differently than they do any of the other students, except for the fact that they tend to hold him when he cries, and often help him to untie his bonnet.

Man robs bank with Q-tip

Bank robber Thelonius Bragg jammed a Q-Tip into the ear of a bank manager in Labrador City, Newfoundland, and threatened to "push really hard" unless the manager opened up the vault. Bragg got

By MARGIE MAYESS/Correspondent

500-POUND OPERA SINGER SEES RED WHEN TENOR EATS LAST MEATBALL

A BIG FAT opera singer was charged with assault and hauled off to jail after she gored a tiny tenor with her horned hat.

The vicious attack unfolded after a performance of Wagner's opera *Das Rheingold* as the cast was sharing a celebratory dinner of spaghetti and meatballs backstage.

Witnesses say the trouble erupted when 5-foot-2 tenor Giuseppe Verona, 38, forked up the last meatball from the serving platter and dropped it on his plate.

Five-hundred-pound soprano Helga Von Kluge, 52, took exception and charged him — head down — like a bull in a ring.

"She blew through her nose, roared, lowered her head and charged Giuseppe," says one witness to the drama in Milan, Italy.

"She chased him all around the stage and finally nailed him when he cowered against a wall.

"She gored him with her horns in the chest and even in the groin, and the poor little man was squealing like a pig from pain and fear."

And the fat lady wasn't through yet.

Cops say Von Kluge badly gored three police officers before they managed to yank off her horned hat and blonde wig and herd her to the slammer.

The unrepentant singer, who is acknowledged to be one of the world's finest operatic sopranos, told *Weekly World News*: "Giuseppe shouldn't have taken the last meatball. I was very hungry and I had my eye on that morsel myself until he selfishly swiped it from right under my nose.

"I admit I gored him, but he deserved it. I really only grazed him anyway. I could have done a lot more damage if I had wanted to. In fact, I checked on him in the hospital and he only had to

Von Kluge is known for her erratic temperament and unpredictable mood swings that have become increasingly frequent as she approaches menopause, her agent admits. But she seldom gets into trouble because she packs opera houses with fans who pay premium prices to hear her sing, so colleagues tend to overlook her tantrums.

The attack on Verona was different because police were involved. And because she didn't go to jail willingly, she faces multiple charges, including assault and battery inflicting serious bodily injury and resisting arrest with violence.

Under Italian law, she faces fines of up to $50,000. She also could be sent to

on the wrist because of her international celebrity.

Assuming she stays out of jail, Americans will get a chance to see the star in July, when she embarks on a U.S. tour performing *Das Rheingold* for audiences here.

It is unclear whether the lesser known but respected Verona will make the trip, however, because after Von Kluge's blowup, he's angrily telling friends that he "might not want to work with that fat cow again."

"If not Giuseppe, then someone else — perhaps my old friend Pavarotti," Von Kluge told Sebastiano Valdini, our correspondent in Rome.

"It really doesn't matter who comes

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LIFE separated childhood sweethearts Bob Marcus and Cynthia Toler when they were teenagers, but death brought them back together 40 years later — when they bumped into each other while visiting the graves of their dead spouses.

The geezers, who are now in their 60s, tied the knot three weeks later near their homes in Auckland, New Zealand.

Miracle of the teenage Jesus

THOUSANDS of teenagers claim to have been cured of everything from depression and leukemia to obesity and zits after touching an image of what many believe is a teenage Jesus.

The visage of what looks like a classic depiction of a blue-eyed, long-haired Christ — without a beard — mysteriously appeared on a wood-paneled wall in a high school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a few days after Christmas.

According to newspapers, students who touch it are reporting miracles within hours or even days. The most dramatic was that of an 18-year-old girl who had been recently diagnosed with incurable childhood leukemia — doctors confirm she is now in full remission and free of the disease.

"The image however appears to have no effect on adults or infants, only teenage children," says Catholic priest Father Raoul Mendes. "Pope John Paul is most interested in these occurrences, as we all are."

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BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

A random contact in the next few days may result in a major change in your life. Stay open to new experiences, however questionable.

You are the idol of a child and most of the love you shower on this youngster will not be wasted.

Your stars promise hot prospects this week as long as you don't park a large car in a small garage.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

Go slowly, think carefully and seize the chance to make money at any expense.

This is a good time to help loved ones with their problems — even if they don't want it.

Make the effort to contact family and friends and find out why they haven't contacted you. Before any meeting, scour the room for hidden agendas.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Your luck is likely to improve dramatically this week and you'd be wise to take advantage of it by risking it all.

Your ability to make quick decisions could prove to be an important asset when a friend shows up unexpectedly and needs tea and sympathy. Just don't throw pearls before swine. They may choke on them and leave you with the bill.

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CANCER

June 21 – July 22

An unusual opportunity may come your way this week and you should be ready to act fast. Get advice from strangers if necessary, but hurry or you might miss the boat.

Stubbornness could get in the way of a good time — however morally questionable. Watch for men in black-and-white uniforms. Those subpoenas aren't worth the paper they're written on.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

Continue delaying a thankless chore that you're dreading.

You've had a real struggle keeping things together in recent weeks but it's not your fault. You're about to climb the final mountain.

A long legal restriction will be lifted. Seek out a close friend of the opposite sex you enjoy being with and allow yourself to be embarrassingly candid.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Don't feel bad about unloading your worries. After all, after a few, you're the life of any party!

Load up the weekend with adventure. Your sensitivity to others' needs may leave you vulnerable to those envious of your ability to manipulate any situation.

Beware of friendly overtures from those who can't give you what you need.

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LEO	7, 9, 17, 19, 40, 41
VIRGO	1, 3, 28, 33, 35, 49
LIBRA	1, 3, 7, 12, 21, 33
SCORPIO	13, 16, 20, 28, 36, 47
SAGITTARIUS	11, 15, 26, 35, 37, 41
CAPRICORN	9, 12, 14, 23, 41, 48

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Pesky little problems and loose ends will have your blood pressure rocketing. Don't worry, it will all work out — or completely collapse.

Face the weekend with a smile on your lips and a glow in your belly.

Confidence holds you in good stead as you approach those in charge with a new idea. Remember, they called Einstein crazy!

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

The power of your positive thinking will be contagious and help you get unsuspected approval.

There's been some petty bickering among friends that may become a raging feud. Play both ends against the middle.

A trip to the mall proves to be lucky as you get an unexpected treat. Just be sure to wear clean blue socks!

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Being helpful could backfire this week. Someone you try to aid may mistake your interest as a way to boost your stature at their expense.

To sidestep a clash, avoid the number 63.

Help by giving spontaneous suggestions based on whatever occurs to you at the moment. Clean your plate before someone else does.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A special someone finds you especially attractive at this time. Make sure this person is as old as they claim to be.

Controversy and disputes could be everywhere this week so wade in and start swinging!

There's a real possibility of scoring a K.O. if you join the battle — and that's something you desperately need now.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

A split-second decision could bring new adventure into your life. But a phone call may offer a reason to pull the plug.

If life seems to have lost some of its pizzazz, you've no one to blame but yourself. This is the week to add flash to your wardrobe, subscribe to a magazine or rekindle a fantasy romance with a pop star!

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Your smile — or your dentures — always seems to light up a room, so let 'er rip.

A wild story could spell trouble if you allow yourself to tell it. Your lucky numbers (19, 3, 44) could be especially important now.

You may encounter a blow to your self-esteem, but don't despair — it happens to most people at least once.

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That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week.

The Hershey's candy-making plant can pump out 33 million of those little chocolate Kisses in a single day.

Here's more:

- Legendary designer Coco Chanel named her signature perfume Chanel No. 5 because 5 was her lucky number. She decided to add more luck by introducing it on May 5 — the fifth day of the fifth month. It must have worked — Chanel No. 5 is the world's best-selling fragrance.
- The exact measurement of the inch was decreed in 1324 by King Edward II of England, who ordered that it be equal to the length of three barleycorns.
- Actor John Barrymore had 300 different birds, dozens of Siamese cats and 19 dogs. The pooches included 11 greyhounds, several St. Bernards and a few Kerry blue terriers. He also had a monkey, a few opossums and mouse deer. And you thought his granddaughter Drew was weird!
- Don't count sheep to cure your insomnia — picture the pleasant green meadows they graze in. Researchers at England's prestigious Oxford University say people who do that fall asleep 20 minutes faster than sheep-counters.
- Sir Isaac Newton, the pioneering physicist who discovered gravity, was called "idle" and "inattentive" by his teachers. His mother had to be talked into letting him to study at a university instead of running the family farm.
- New York was the last state to put photos on its driver's license — in 1984.
- Jimmy Stewart stayed in the military after World War II, even as he continued acting. The movie star rose to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.
- Do Americans think looks are more important than brains? In 2000, we spent $76.6 billion on beauty products and services, and a $69.1 billion on education.
- The moon is a furnace at midday and a freezer at night: On the equator, it's 243 degrees at noon and 261 degrees below zero at night.
- A cumulonimbus cloud — the tall, flat-looking kind — can grow to six miles across and 11 miles high. That's twice the height of Mount Everest.
- The national PTA — Parent-Teacher Association — was called the National Congress of Mothers when it was founded in 1897.
- Wondering where those extra pounds came from? Check your weekend snacks. The average American eats an extra 345 calories a day on the weekend. In a year, that can add up to five new pounds.
- Sports historians have traced roller skating to the early 1800s when an unknown Dutchman sought to find a warm-weather equivalent to ice skating. He decided to attach wooden disks to shoes; after a short period of refine-

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By KATE McCLARE
Correspondent

The kiwi can't fly, is nearly blind, and lives in a hole in the ground. But tough New Zealanders made it their national bird — maybe because it's a real survivor. It lays only one egg a year, but has been around for 70 million years.

An equestrian polo team has four players on horseback. A water polo team has seven players.

Actor Dean Cain, the leading man in TV's *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*, was signed to play professional football with the Buffalo Bills after his graduation from Princeton. However, he injured his knee three days before his first preseason NFL game. The unfortunate injury forced Cain to pursue a new career.

ment, roller skating became a popular pastime in Holland. The sport got even bigger in North America with the introduction of the steel wheel with ball bearings.

● DNA was discovered in 1953 by James Watson and Francis Crick, at Cambridge University.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S!

Love will be in the air February 14. Here's some romantic research that's both sweet and tart:

● Valentine's Day began as the ancient Romans' springtime fertility rite, Lupercalia. It became a Christian holiday in 270, in honor of the martyr St. Valentine. The Roman holiday was officially outlawed in the fifth century.

● The first commercial valentine greeting cards produced in the United States were created in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland.

● People once believed a young woman would know the kind of man she'd marry by watching for certain birds flying overhead on Valentine's Day. A robin meant she'd get hitched to a sailor, while a goldfinch signaled a rich man in her future. Seeing a sparrow meant she'd marry a poor man — but still be happy.

● The top-selling treat for Valentine's Day is still Sweethearts, those little candy hearts with cute or romantic sayings written on them. NECCO has been making them since the Civil War. Some sayings have been in use since 1902: "Kiss Me," "Sweet Talk" and "Be Mine" are among the classics. Among the sayings retired for being out of date: "Dig Me" and "You Are Gay."

● This year is the 75th anniversary of the infamous Valentine's Day Massacre, in which gangster Al Capone had seven of his rivals in the North Side Gang machine-gunned to death in a Chicago warehouse. The big target, North Side leader George "Bugs" Moran, escaped — the shooting started just as he was driving up to the warehouse.

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By PAT CANNADY/*Correspondent*

Japan pardons Iraq debt in return for sushi bar rights

THE HEAD of the Iraqi Governing Council, Abdel Aziz al-Hakim, could settle a huge debt for his country if he bites on the plan.

RAW DEAL: Yakimo Takira, "the Sushi King," is pushing for Iraqi franchises of his upscale restaurant chain.

HUNGRY Iraqis will pay any price — "no matter how poor they act" — for raw fish and other specialties, Takira insists.

JAPAN has offered to forgive $17 billion in Iraqi debt but only if the United States grants it exclusive rights to open sushi bars catering to the war-torn country's ruling elite.

President Bush is reportedly fit to be tied over the proposal, but a senior administration official says he "almost certainly will go along with the plan because 'Mr. Moto' has him over a barrel."

And that has Japanese businessmen licking their chops over what they believe are fortunes to be made selling raw fish and rice balls to people who are more accustomed to spit-seared camel steaks, boiled goat and raw figs than highfalutin international cuisine with a price tag to match.

"They try sushi, they eat it up — they like it a lot," chortles Yakimo Takira, who has franchised 60 of his upscale Yakimo's Sushi Bars in Tokyo alone.

"Iraqis, Americans, Russians, the English, they all like my sushi. Iraqis no different.

"Japanese sushi going to be a big seller over there and price no object no matter how 'poor' they act. America giving away money by the bagful in Baghdad. Paying for sushi no

New chain will offer fish and desert dishes like camel and goat sushi!

so optimistic about the future of sushi in Iraq but they admit there's a chance it could catch on.

"Before U.S. troops showed up, the Iraqis didn't eat pork or pork parts," says a Harvard analyst in Cambridge, Mass.

"Now they can't get the corn dogs in the ketchup fast enough."

In a concession to Middle Eastern tastes, Yakimo says he will cre-

In addition to standard fare like maguro (tuna), ikura (salmon eggs), toro (fatty tuna), anago (eel), uni (sea urchin) and tako (octopus), the self-described "Sushi King" plans to offer camel sushi, goat sushi and a decidedly downscale concoction of desert asp and chick peas "for poor people who want to get on the sushi bandwagon, too."

And there's no telling what competing sushi bars will dream up once they open their doors in Iraq and find

that putting conditions on Japan's forgiveness of Iraqi debt "isn't what President Bush wanted to hear."

"But Iraq owes us billions and it's only fair that we get something back in return for writing off all that debt. Don't forget — America didn't liberate the Iraqis for free, either. President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were awarding contracts for reconstruction to their pals at Halliburton before they were even elect-

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We didn't set out to make the stars look bad; these photos just happened to be handy. These days there's no shortage of famous folks getting rude and crude for the cameras.

Check out these groin-grabbing stars from the world of music, movies and TV. Just sit back and enjoy the view, because this is one time you don't have to give them a hand — they've already taken care of that!

FRED DURST

APPARENTLY the lead singer of the rock band Limp Bizkit has something on his mind. Or maybe this is just his way of explaining how the group came up with their name.

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LOOKS like this raw rocker wasn't kidding when he sang about "Dancing With Myself." The good part about that is, you know your partner will never forget about you.

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THOR WORSHIP MAKING A COMEBACK

PAGANISM has reached an all-time high in Scandinavia, horrified Christian leaders warn — with thousands of self-declared "heathens" worshiping the old Norse gods like Odin and Thor!

Worship of the Valhalla-dwelling gods the Vikings once prayed to was outlawed nearly 1,000 years ago.

But in 1972, worship of the "Old Gods" was legalized in Iceland and recently Denmark has followed suit, formally recognizing the pagan religion, widely known as Asratu.

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"This is encouraging people to embrace paganism and reject Christ the savior," an outraged Danish minister declared.

Gal raped in disco as 200 watch

A YOUNG woman was stripped naked and gang-raped in a crowded disco in Zhuhai, Hong Kong — as 200 fellow partiers watched and did nothing!

One witness said that the 200 spectators stood by and watched as the screaming victim was pinned down by eight attackers, stripped naked, and repeatedly raped.

Following the sex assault that lasted for five to six minutes, the fiends fled and boarded two taxis to make their getaway, but the gutsy victim hailed her own taxi to chase down the culprits, while frantically calling police on her mobile phone.

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